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INTEGRATION OF STATES FINANCES

Centre To Take Over From April 1950

PROCESS TO BE COMPLETE IN TEN YEARS

NEW DELHI, May 27 (A. P. I.).

THE Government of India will assume financial control and reponsibility for Central subjects in Indian States from April 1, 1950---the deadline set for the integration of States finances, it is understood.

This is in pursuance of one of the recommendations made by the three-man committee appointed by the Government, with Mr. V. T. Krishnamachari as chairman. The committee has suggested that assumption of these functions by the Centre must be gradual and that the process of integration must be completed within ten years.

From that day onwards, income-tax, excise, and other Central taxes will be levied in all the States and the States Unions by the Central Government and functions such as defence, railways, posts and telegraphs, meteorology and broadcasting will become the responsibility of the Central Government.

WITHIN TEN YEARS

The committee is stated to have suggested that the process of integration should be completed within ten years. Owing to administrative reasons, the assumption of these functions by the Centre will be a gradual one and the actual administration of them may be left in the hands of the State Governments acting as the agent of the Centre.

The object of fiscal integration of Indian States is to evolve a uniform pattern of Federal finances throughout India and to bring about identical financial rights and responsibilities for the States as for the provinces. Internally within the States too, the aim is to bring the financial structure on a level with the provinces.

COMPOSITE ENTITIES

Hitherto, the Indian States were composite entities in which there is no division between Central and Provincial finances such as exists between the Centre and the provinces. In fact, the revenue of many of the States depends considerably upon the sources which are Federal in character.

With the assumption of responsibility by the Centre for Federal subjects in these States, all internal barriers, such as land customs, will be abolished and India will be enabled to progress as an economic unit.

Like provinces, the States will be entitled to receive from the Central Government, grants, subsidies, division of revenues, etc., and the States will contribute Federal taxes to the finances of the Centre.

DIFFICULTIES

The committee is said to have pointed out a number of practical difficulties in bringing about a radical change in the pattern of States' finances. It is understood to have examined in detail the financial structure of each State, its resources and requirements and the minimum period needed to effect the change in the pattern.

It has concluded that a period of ten years may be necessary to bring about the necessary financial and administrative adjustments if sudden dislocation of economy and hardships of the people are to be avoided.

The committee which has already reached its main conclusions is expected to submit its report by next month. It will meet in New Delhi early in June to finalise its recommendations.

Last Celebration Of King's Birthday

NEW DELHI, May 27, (A. P. I.): For the last time perhaps, India will celebrate the King's birthday on June 9 which will be observed as a public holiday throughout the country. There will be no ceremonial functions but both the Union Jack and the Indian tricolour will fly on public buildings.

It may be mentioned that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, told a Press conference at Delhi soon after the London declaration on the Commonwealth issue that the King's birthday would not be observed after India had become a Republic.

MYSORE DEWAN'S POST TO BE ABOLISHED?

Ministry On Par With Those In Provinces

BANGALORE, May 27 (API): A three-point formula to bring the Ministry in Mysore on a par with that prevailing in Indian provinces was discussed today by the Congress Party of the Mysore Representative Assembly. The Party is meeting here on the eve of the Budget session of the Legislature commencing here on May 30.

The issues are: The office of Dewan should be abolished forthwith; the Ministry should be responsible to the Legislature and the elected Leader of the Party should be called upon to form the Ministry.

Views were exchanged at the Party meeting today but no conclusions were reached. A joint meeting of the Congress members of the Assembly and Council with members of the Mysore Congress Working Committee has been convened for tomorrow when the matter will receive further consideration. The Congress has a strength of 154 in the Assembly and 20 in the Council.

MADHYA BHARAT AGREEMENT

GWALIOR, May 27, (A.P.I.): The two rival groups in the Madhya Bharat Dhara Sabha Congress Party have now agreed to form a composite Ministry, it is learnt.

This follows the discussions held by the parties at Dehra Dun and at Delhi to settle the issue.

The groups are led by the Premier Mr. Gopikrishna Vijaravargiya and Mr. Liladhar Joshi, former Premier.

NO INTERIM MINISTRY FOR HYDERABAD YET

HYDERABAD, May 27, (A.P.I.): Swami Ramanand Tirth, President of the Hyderabad State Congress, told pressmen this afternoon that there was no immediate prospect of the formation of an Interim Popular Ministry in the State. The question was, however, being considered by Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel, he added:

Swami Ramanand Tirth, who returned from Delhi to Hyderabad today after meeting Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel said that he acquainted them with the present situation in Hyderabad.

There were several questions which had to be taken into consideration before the Government of India decided on an Interim Popular Ministry in Hyderabad, he said. Many changes might come over the country with the inauguration of the new Constitution in India on August 15 this year. This would have its repercussions on Hyderabad also, he added.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AT GURGAON

Unique in the history of Gurgaon was the Fauji Mela held on May 25, 1949, attended by a crowd of more than 20,000 people streaming from all the neighbouring villages. The aim of the Mela was to bring the military and public closer. 65 widows of Servicemen who were killed in action received cash award of Rs. 101 from the hands of the Hon'ble Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Minister. General K. M. Cariappa, Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army, the Hon'ble N. V. Gadgil and Ch. Lahiri Singh, Development Minister, East Punjab, also addressed the gathering.

Steel Price Up By Rs. 50 Per Ton

NEW DELHI, May 27 (API)—The Government of India have decided to increase the price of steel by Rs. 50 per ton from June 1, stated a communique issued by the Ministry of Industry and Supply here today.

The increase in the price of bars and rods will be Rs. 33, for structural Rs. 65, for plates and black sheets Rs. 67 and for galvanized corrugated sheets Rs. 8.

The communique added that the Government of India have also decided to increase the existing differential of Rupees ten per ton between the price of tested and untested steel to Rupees thirty per ton.

EXAMINATION OF TARIFF BOARD

The communique stated that the decision to increase the price of steel was taken to equalise the price of imported steel with that of indigenous steel and also to meet the increase in the retention prices payable to Tata Iron and Steel Co. and the Steel Corporation of Bengal. Since the decision to equalise the prices of imported and indigenous steel was taken in January 1948 not only has the price of imported steel gone up but the flow of imports has also been on the increase.

Pending examination by the Tariff Board of the question of the fair retention prices of steel produced by the Tata Iron and Steel Co. and the Steel Corporation of Bengal, the Government of India allowed an increase of Rs. 23-8 per ton in January 1948. To meet this additional payment and to equalise the high prices of imported steel with those of indigenous steel, in order that all essential consumers might get steel at the same price, the selling price of steel was also increased by Rs. 75 per ton.

Kashmir's Representatives For Indian C.A.

AYYANGAR'S MOTION ADOPTED

NEW DELHI, May 27 (API).

THE Constituent Assembly of India today adopted Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar's motion to enable the Ruler of Kashmir to nominate, on the advice of his Prime Minister, representatives of the State to the Indian Constituent Assembly.

Kashmir is entitled to send four members—one for every million of the population.

An amendment moved by Prof. K. T. Shah, suggesting that the representatives should be chosen by the State Praja Sabha, elected in the winter of 1946-47, was rejected.

Pandit Nehru described Prof. Shah's proposition as "monstrous" and the circumstances of the election of the Praja Sabha as "fantastic and farcical".

Maulana Hasrat Mohani (U.P.) opposing Mr. Ayyangar's motion, expressed doubt whether Kashmir's accession to India was final. It was "premature and hopelessly absurd", he said, to nominate representatives to the Constituent Assembly before the status of the Kashmir Government and the Maharaja was decided.

COMPLETE, UNCONDITIONAL

Mr. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, replying to the debate, said that Kashmir's accession was "complete and unconditional". The Government of India's commitment on the question of plebiscite was simply to the extent that they would not stand in the way of Kashmir separating itself from India if that was the will of the people.

The Assembly also adopted more articles relating to the Federal Judicature. The question of separation of the judiciary from the executive, which had been discussed earlier during the current session, was again debated by members on an amendment by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Law Minister, for the substitution of Article 122 by a new one.

The new article defines the powers of the Chief Justice to appoint officers and servants of the Supreme Court and fix their salaries subject to the approval of the Union President in certain cases.

(Details on Page 7)

U. S. Limitations Removed

NEW DELHI, May 27, (U.P.I.): The American Embassy here has announced that quota limitations on the licensing of certain steel products have been removed by the U. S. Government.

It was explained that this action means that export licences will be granted freely and thus there will no longer be a bottleneck in the movement of such materials.

CALCUTTA, May 27 (API)—The Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry will consider questions relating to the Government of India's import policy at a meeting to be held in Calcutta tomorrow.

5 R. S. S. Men Arrested In Banaras

BANARAS, May 27, (A.P.I.): Five R.S.S. workers were arrested today by the Banaras police under the Maintenance of Public Safey Act.

They were recently released from jail.

Cobras In Sweet Shop!

BEGUSARAI, May 27, (U.P.I.): A search for a Government currency led to the discovery of hundred living cobras and 150 cobra eggs in a sweetmeat shop in Begusarai town.

It is stated that the owner of the sweetmeat shop lost A. G. C. note and in search of the same under the chowki, on which he used to sit he discovered the herd of reptiles, whose size ranged from 12 to 30 inches. The huge assembly of people gathered there killed all the living cobras and destroyed the eggs.

JAIPUR, May 27 (API): Mr. Shobha Ram was sworn as a Minister of Rajasthan by the Rajpramukh on May 25, says an official announcement here today. This raises the strength of the Union Cabinet to ten.

Travancore Maharaja Signs Integration Covenant

TRIVANDRUM, May 27 (API).

THE integration of the two South Indian States of Travancore and Cochin has now become a fait accompli.

His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore this afternoon affixed his signature to the States Ministry covenant in this connection.

Mr. V. P. Menon, Political Adviser to the States Ministry, told the Associated Press of India that he could not disclose the terms of the covenant until the Government of India had approved of them.

After weeks of negotiations with the Maharajas of Travancore and Cochin and discussions with the Ministries of the two States and the Integration Committee, Mr. Menon has left Trivandrum by plane for the Cochin capital to get the signature of the ruler of that State to the covenant.

Mr. Menon, who is accompanied by Mr. N. M. Buch, Chairman of the Integration Committee, will leave Ernakulam tomorrow for Cuttack for a settlement of the private properties of the Orissa State rulers.

LANDS TRANSFERRED

Between 18,000 to 20,000 acres of home farm lands of His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore have today been transferred to the Travancore Government for the good of the people of the state, the Associated Press of India learns.

A proclamation by His Highness surrendering to Government all rights, title and interest in respect of these lands, is expected to be issued tonight.

ERNAKULAM: Mr. V. P. Menon, who arrived here this evening by plane from Trivandrum, will, it is learnt, get the signature of the Maharaja of Cochin tomorrow to the draft covenant embodying his future status and privy purse. This completes the preliminary negotiations in connection with a Cochin-Travancore Union.

OVER RS. 8 CRORES FOR GANDHI FUND

Bombay Tops List: Official Figures Up To April

NEW DELHI, May 27 (API).

THE total collection to the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund up to the end of April, 1949 amounted to Rs. 8,07,99,289-7-10 including Rs. 4,43,74,560-5-6 donated by the industrial concerns, according to figures officially released here today.

Bombay has contributed the largest amount with Rs. 2,34,46,100-9-3.

The following is the full text of the statement:—

Central Office Rs. 13,93,100-1-1.

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Ajmer Rs. 1,05,926-1-6; Andhra Rs. 4,85,073-3-8; Assam Rs. 11,89,816-3; Bengal (West) Rs. 1,37,38,025; Berar Rs. 2,48,734-7-0; Bihar Rs. 38,05,695-0-9; BOMBAY Rs. 2,34,46,100-9-3; Delhi Rs. 16,85,799-2-9 Gujarat Rs. 777,426-6-3; Karnatak Rs. 3,61,911-12-8; Kerala Rs. 3,29,311-1-11; Mahakoshal Rs. 11,62,165-7-8; Maharashtra Rs. 29,18,189-10-10; Nagpur Rs. 14,16,326-10-6; Punjab (East) Rs. 26,61,570-0-1; Tamilnad Rs. 42,25,145-15-5; United Provinces Rs. 86,63,090-15-5; Utkal (Orissa) Rs. 9,22,-394-5-0.

STATES

Baroda Rs. 10,00,808-11-1; Benares Rs. 28,055-0-0; Bhopal Rs. 3,844-7-3; Bhor 30,545-0-0; Bikaner Rs. 2,05,865-10-0; Bilaspur Rs. 51-0-0; Chattarpur Rs. 5,125; Cochin Rs. 3,62,830-4-11; Cooch Bihar Rs. 5,083. Himachal Pradesh Rs. 69,131-11-0; Hyderabad Rs. 8,72,433-8-8; Jaipur Rs. 4,13,444-11-9; Jaisalmer Rs. 21,000; Jodhpur Rs. 3,45,162-4-8; Kashmir Rs. 12,900-14-0; Kolhapur Rs. 41,-354-8-0; Bhuj Rs. 2,269; Malwa Union Rs. 30,97,552-5-10; Matsya Union Rs. 89,878-0-6; Mayurbhunj Rs. 2,06,977-13; Miraj (Senior) Rs. 6,425; Miraj (Junior) 3,000 Mysore Rs. 2,63,092-5-6; Palanpur Rs. 34,866; Phalton Rs. 98,197-11; Phulkian Union Rs. 4,39,873-10; Rajasthan Union Rs. 2,61,512-1; Saurashtra Union Rs. 7,18,-082-12; Sangli Rs. 59,503; Sirohi Rs. 51,-000; Sikkim Rs. 2,500; Tehri Garhwal Rs. 35,000; Travancore Rs. 5,54,315-13-4; Tripura Rs. 7,937-15-6; Vindhya Pradesh Rs. 2,11,229; Mislocated items Rs. 13,78,006-10-11; Miscellaneous Interest Receipts Rs. 3,24,597-7-3.

Total Rs. 8,07,99,289-7-10.

'De Facto' Recognition Of Chinese Red Regime

WESTERN POWERS' TALKS PROCEEDING

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, May 27.

DE FACTO recognition of the Chinese Communists is expected to result from the consultations among Western Powers now going on. It is believed that India's views on the matter will carry great weight. Observers here consider it desirable that all the Commonwealth nations should act as one in this matter.

It is believed that an important statement on the future of Hong Kong will soon be issued by the British Government. It is learned that British interests in Hong Kong have been asking for assurances that the colony will in no circumstances be abandoned.

HONG KONG: All foreign naval forces have left their anchorage off the key port of Woosung at the mouth of the Whangpoo, and moved to the mouth of the Yangtse, Vice-Admiral Oscar Badger, Commander of the United States Naval Forces in the Western Pacific, disclosing this to-day said he thought reports that Woosung had fallen to the Communist were probably right, (adds PTI-Reuter).

He said it was his personal opinion that the British Empire had sufficient forces for the defence of Hong Kong. The question whether the United States was prepared to help Britain defend the Colony would have to be answered by President Truman he said.

Admiral Badger announced he had ordered a task force to Hong Kong to help evacuate Americans from South and West China, whose evacuation through Hong Kong has been held up by local authorities refusing to allow their entries because they could not state they had accommodation in the Colony.

U. S. RADIO LINK

SAN FRANCISCO: Communications have been opened between the United States and Communist regions of China. Radio Corporation of America, Mackay Radio and Press Wireless reported that Shanghai is accepting traffic to all parts of Communist territory. The Radio Corporation and Mackay said they also were in communication with Chungking, in Western China, and Formosa. One of these two points may become the last refuge of the Nationalist Government, which is now in Canton.

CANTON, May 27 (UPA): A five-man delegation representing all elements of the Kuomintang flew to meet Chiang Kai-Shek today in what was believed to be an attempt to induce him to come to Canton and resume the job of running the Nationalist Government.

OCCUPATION COMPLETED

SHANGHAI: Communists this morning completed the occupation of Shanghai, richest prize of the civil war, when troops from the north linked up units which stormed across Soochow Creek yesterday to clean out Communist remnants.

The city's 3,000 Britons came through the fortnight's ordeal of the siege with comparatively small property damage and no casualties.

Mr. R. W. UrQuhart British Consul-General said today that Britons were "counting their blessings rather than their losses". In view of the considerable damage that might have been caused.

It was also learned that none of Shanghai's 1,700 Americans was injured in fighting for the city.

The American Consul-General, Mr. John M. Cabot, said: "The American community is carrying on and intends to continue doing so in so far as this is permitted by the new authorities".

CANTON: Chinese Nationalists today began defensive preparations in the vicinity of Canton as well as on the border of northern Kwangtung as a new wave of anxiety swept the southern capital following the fall of Shanghai (adds the UPA).

NEWSPAPER TAKEN OVER

The Communist authorities today took over "The Shunpao", one of the oldest newspapers in China, and will publish in its stead a new newspaper called "The Liberation Daily".

"The Shunpao", established 76 years ago, has been owned and controlled by a pro-Kuomintang management during recent years.

Permission To Indian Embassy To Reopen

The India community at Shanghai and Nanking numbering altogether 500 emerged from the fighting in the Shanghai and Nanking area completely unscathed. The Indian Consul-General in Shanghai said this afternoon in an exclusive interview.

He said he was in touch with the Indian Embassy at Nanking this morning for the first time since the fall of the Nationalist capital. The Ambassador, Sardar K. M. Panikkar, said the Embassy staff and himself were all well and the Embassy had been permitted by the Communists to reopen. Business was going on as usual.

Burma Navy Shells Rebels In Bassein Area

RANGOON, May 27 (PTI-Reuter): Gungoats of the Burma Navy have shelled rebel concentrations in the Bassein area of the Irrawaddy delta, about 100 miles from Rangoon, Burma Army Radio reported tonight.

Government troops occupied a Karen-held village near Bassein, inflicting heavy casualties, the broadcast said.

The Radio reported large-scale rebel activity in the Upper Burma district of Shwebo, north of Mandalay.

Government troops, ambushing a force of 300 insurgents, were said to have killed 15 of them in a four-hour battle near Shwebo.

Other rebel groups in the area blew up a bridge and removed railway lines, disrupting communications.

AIRLIFT BACK?

BERLIN, May 27 (PTI-Reuter):—Airlift became Berlin's chief supply line again today when traffic on the rail link with the British Zone reached what a British spokesman called "complete paralysis".

As a result of the Russian authorities' refusal to pass goods traffic from the West into the Soviet Zone at Helmstedt, no train has entered the zone for Berlin since 10-30 p.m. G.M.T. yesterday (4 a.m. I.S.T. today), a British spokesman said here.

But road traffic went on uninterrupted and the Anglo-American airlift was still sending planes into the city at the rate of one every two minutes.

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

MADRAS, May 27 (API): Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, when asked on his arrival here from Calcutta about his being appointed as India's Ambassador in Moscow, said: "All that I can say at present is that the Government of India are asking me to accept it. The matter is still under negotiation."

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APPLICATIONS INVITED for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or citizens of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Caste candidates. For others age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. When applying for forms candidates must specify the name of the post. Closing date for applications with treasury receipt or Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7/8/- (Rs. 1/14/- for Scheduled Caste candidates) 25TH JUNE, 1949. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission at New Delhi Post Office. The Commission may, at their discretion, remit the prescribed application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE refugee and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Separate application with separate fee required for each post. Candidates from outside India may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms not available. Such candidates should deposit their fees at the Office of the High Commission for India or of the Indian Ambassador or of the Government of India's Representative as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. Two weeks' extension allowed to candidates residing abroad. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so.

1. TWO TEMPORARY PROFESSORS OF STATISTICS IN THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. AGE:— Below 45 years. PAY:— Rs. 600-40- 1000- 1000- 1050- 1050- 1100-1100-1150. Higher initial pay upto Rs. 800/- may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL — (i) First Class Honours or Master's Degree in Mathematics or Statistics. (ii) Evidence of ability to guide post-graduate students for research degree. DESIRABLE:— Higher Research Doctorate Degree in Statistics (Contribution to research must be of outstanding character.)

2. TWO TEMPORARY ASSISTANT PROFESSORS OF STATISTICS, IN THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. AGE:— Below 45 years. PAY:— Rs. 350- 350- 380- 380- 80- 30- 590 —E.B. -30-770-40-850. Higher initial pay up to Rs. 590/- may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL —(i) First Class Honours or Master's degree in Mathematics or Statistics. (ii) Experience of teaching post graduate classes and ability to initiate independent research. DESIRABLE:(i) Post-graduate training in Agricultural Statistics. (ii) Doctorate Degree in Statistics.

3. ONE TEMPORARY FARM MANAGER AT THE EXPERIMENTAL CATTLE BREEDING FARM, JUBBULPORE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. AGE:— Below 40 years. Relaxable in case of Government servants. PAY:— Rs. 275- 25- 500- 30- 650—E. B. 30-800. Higher initial pay upto Rs. 350/- may be granted, as a special case, to a specially well qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL —(i) Degree or Diploma in Agriculture, Veterinary Science or Dairy Science. (ii) Post-graduate training in Animal Husbandry in a recognised institution. (iii) About 5 years' practical experience on a large live-stock or Dairy Farm, preferably at a research station. DESIRABLE:— Practical training in artificial insemination.

4. ONE TEMPORARY VEGETABLE FIBRE EXPERT IN THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, NEW DELHI. AGE:— Below 45 years. PAY:— Rs. 1000-50-1400. Higher initial pay may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL— (i) First Class M.Sc. or Doctorate Degree in Agriculture, Chemistry or Botany. (ii) Five to ten years' research experience on any fibre crop. DESIRABLE:— Experience of technological aspects of fibres.

5. ONE TEMPORARY STORES SUPERINTENDENT AT THE CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING CENTRE (INDIA), ALLAHABAD, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. AGE:— Between 25 and 40 years. PAY:— Rs. 275-25-500-E.B.-30- 650-E.B. -30-800. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL — (i) Degree in Arts or Science of a recognised University. (ii) Previous Stores experience preferably in Army, Navy or Air Forces (iii) Knowledge of accounting (Equipment). DESIRABLE:— (i) Experience in procurement, storage and distribution of bonded stores. (ii) Knowledge of terminology of airframe, engine, radio and electrical components.

6. 30 TEMPORARY EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS (25 POSTS IN BUILDINGS AND ROADS BRANCH AND 5 POSTS IN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL BRANCH), MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. AGE:— Between 30 and 45 years. PAY:— Rs. 600 6 years — 40-1000-1000-1050-1050-1100-1100-1150. Higher initial pay may be granted to specially well-qualified and experienced candidates. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL— (i) Degree in Engineering of a recognised University or its equivalent. (ii) FOR BUILDINGS AND ROADS: CANDIDATES: At least one year's training in the drawing and design branch of a civil engineering firm of repute or similar training. FOR ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CANDIDATES: At least one year's training with a public utility concern or in a large workshop. (iii) FOR BUILDING AND ROADS CANDIDATES: At least 5 years' experience in planning and designing of important buildings, drainage schemes and roads. FOR ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CANDIDATES: At least 5 years' experience in planning and designing generating stations capacity 500 K. W. complete with comprehensive distribution system L.T. and H.T. Water Supply Works involving water purification, pumpmg and distribution. (iv) Must have held a post involving individual administrative and technical responsibility and embracing control of a number of technical assistants. DESIRABLE: Refrigeration experience (For Electrical and Mechanical candidates only).

7. 6 TEMPORARY CIVILIAN POINTER WRITERS FOR SERVICES SELECTION BOARDS, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. AGE:— Above 25 years. PAY:— Rs. 250-10-300-15-360. QUALIFICATIONS: (i) Ist or IInd Class Degree in Psychology or Education of a recognised University. (ii) Knowledge of Hindustani. NOTE:— (a) Preference will be given to candidates who have experience in Mental and Personality Testing. (b) Candidates appearing in their forthcoming final Degree Examinations in Psychology or Education, if otherwise eligible, can also apply but their selection will be subject to their passing the examination in Ist or IInd Class.

8. 4 ASSISTANT DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICIANS IN THE INDIAN ARMY STATISTICAL ORGANISATIONS, MINSTRY OF DEFENCE. Posts temporary but likely to become permanent. AGE:—Between 30 and 35 years. PAY:— Rs. 350- 25- 500-E.B.-30-650- E.B. -30-800. Higher initial pay may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS:— (a) FOR TWO POSTS:— (i) First Class B.Com. or B.Sc. —Mathematics degree of a recognised University. (ii) Experience in Mechanical (Hollerith) system of accounts (iii) Must be conversant with the designing and planning on all the Hollerith machines. (b) FOR OTHER TWO POSTS: (i) First Class M.A. or M.Sc., (Mathematics), with Statistics as a special subject. (ii) Must be conversant with Army organisation and its composition. (iii) Three years' experience in Government of India State Department. (iv) Experience in problems like scaling, allocations of Army Stores and equipment.

9. ONE ASSISTANT CONTROLLER (DISTRIBUTION), FILMS DIVISION, BOMBAY, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. Post temporary but likely to become permanent. Appointment made on a 5 years' renewable contract in the first instance. AGE:— Below 45 years. PAY:— Rs. 720-40-1000. QUALIFICATIONS: (i) At least 10 years' experience of film distribution in a managerial capacity at the highest level. (ii) Experience at the highest level of organisation of business and promotion of new enterprises (iii) Contacts with cinemas all over India and acquaintance with commercial accounting principles and procedure especially film distribution accounting.

10. 5 TEMPORARY GEOLOGISTS IN THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF WORKS, MINES AND POWER. 3 posts reserved for Scheduled Castes candidates but will be treated as unreserved to the extent necessary if no such suitable candidates are forthcoming. AGE: Below 35 years. Relaxable for Government servants. No age limits for Departmental candidates. PAY:— Rs. 350- 350- 380-380- 30- 590- E.B.-30- 770-40-850 for direct recruits. Rs. 400-50- 550- 50/2- 600- 50- 700-50/2-750-50-1200 for persons, who have been in continuous Government employ since 15th July, 1931 and have not elected the prescribed scales of pay. QUALIFICATIONS: — ESSENTIAL — (i) M.Sc. Degree or B.Sc. (Honours) (three years' course) in Geology of a recognised University OR Diploma in Geology of the Indian School of Mines and Applied Geology, Dhanbad. (ii) At least five years' experience in geological mapping. DESIRABLE:— Post-graduate work at a recognised institution abroad.

11. TWO TEMPORARY RESEARCH OFFICERS IN THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

In partial modification of Item No. 5 of the Commission's Advertisement No. 28 which appeared on the 30th April, 1949, it is notified for general information that the qualifications have been amended. The posts are therefore re-advertised as below:—

AGE:— Below 40 years.
PAY:— Rs. 350- 25- 500—E.B.-30- 650—E.B.-30-800.

QUALIFICATIONS: — ESSENTIAL—First Class M.A. Degree or Research Degree in Economics of a recognised Indian or British University. DESIRABLE:— (i) Research experience or work at an international institution. (ii) Degree in Politics, Law or Statistics. Closing date extended from 28TH MAY, 1949 to 25TH JUNE, 1949. Candidates who have already applied need not apply again.

12. 8 PERMANENT AIRCRAFT EXAMINERS IN THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. 4 posts reserved for Scheduled Castes candidates but will be treated as unreserved, if no such suitable candidates forthcoming. AGE:—Between 25 and 40 years. PAY:— Rs. 275- 25- 500—E.B.-30- 650- E.B. —30-800. Higher initial pay upto a maximum of Rs. 400/- may be granted as a special case, to specially well-qualified and experienced candidates. QUALIFICATIONS: —(i) Approved apprenticeship training for a period of 2 to 3 years, followed by 4 years or more practical work in an aircraft factory engaged in the manufacture or assembly of complete aircraft or engines and specialised knowledge in two of the following four subjects:— (a) Hydraulics, (b) Electrical Installation, (c) Instruments, (d) V. P. Airscrews and C.S. Units, (ii) Must have held charge of a relative section or sections of work, in which specially qualified, for a period of not less than 2 years, (iii) Good general education, not below matriculation standard. NOTE:— (a) Candidates, who received their initial training in the D.C.A. Training Scheme and passed their examinations satisfactorily, will be considered as having qualified in regard to approved apprenticeship training. (b) Ex-Service personnel of the R.I.A.F. who fulfil the conditions regarding the length of experience in the trades of Fitter (e) and Fitter Aero and who have held supervisory posts in the rank of not below that of Sergeant and who have not less than 2 years' experience as an N.C.O. in an overhaul and maintenance unit will be eligible. (4531)

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificates for 5 Shares Nos. 95786/790 of the above Company, standing in the name of Mr. Keshavlal Karsandas have been LOST or MISPLACED.

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SEALED TENDERS are invited for the construction of an underground water storage tank of about 5,000 gallons capacity at Peons' Chawl, Sewri.

Conditions of contract, specifications, schedule of quantities and rates, form of tender and drawing can be had from the office of the Chief Engineer, on payment of Rs. 10/-.

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Tenders which are to remain open until accepted by the Trustees will be received upto 1 p.m. on Monday, the 20th June, 1949.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from BONA-FIDE residents of the Bombay Province and non-Muslim displaced persons from Pakistan who intend to settle down in Bombay Province for two Government Scholarships of the value of Rs. 30 per mensem for research work in Technical Chemistry tenable in India. Applications are specially invited from B.Sc.'s with Chemistry as their principal subject. Applications from those who are adequately grounded in Chemistry, Physics and some Mathematics and who are capable of doing useful technical investigation will also be considered.

Preference will be given to candidates who have had industrial experience or who have prospects of industrial employment on the termination of their scholarships. Candidates without industrial experience should not be more than 23 years of age and 24 in the case of non-brahmins. Candidates with approved industrial experience should not be more than 26 years of age.

Further particulars and prescribed form of application can be obtained from the office of the Joint Director of Technical Education, Elphinstone Technical High School Building, Dhobi Talao, Bombay. Applications for scholarships should reach the Joint Director of Technical Education, Bombay Province, Bombay on or before 10th June 1949. Applications received after 10th June 1949 will not be considered. (4502)

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4213

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER 'Grainshops', G. I. P. Railway, Bombay V.T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 4 p.m. on 6-6-49 for the supply of the following quantities of Sweetened condensed milk and Full Cream Milk Powder to the Railway's Godown at Shed No. 3, Wadi Bunder for consumption in the Railway Canteens. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office.

Article	Quantity	Unit.
1. Condensed Milk Sweetened	250 Cases	Case of 48 tins each 1 Tin eq. 14 ozs. of liquid.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES,
GRAHAM ROAD, BALLARD ESTATE, BOMBAY.
TENDER NOTICE

The Director of Supplies, Bombay, invites Tender No. BOM/T-2/2166 to reach him on or before 11 A.M., on 13th June, 1949 on Forms (not transferable) obtainable from his office at Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten only) (not refundable) per set to be paid in cash, by Money Order, or Indian Postal Order (quoting Tender No., full name and address of the remitter) for:—

Item No.	Description of stores.	Quantity.
	Timber, Teak, planks of assorted sizes as follows:-	
93.	1/2" x 6" x 4' and up	20 Tons.
94.	5/8" x 5" x 4' and up	140 Tons.
95.	5/8" x 6" x 4" and up	60 Tons.
97.	3/4" x 4" x 4' and up	45 Tons.
98.	3/4" x 5" x 4' and up	160 Tons.
	Total:	425 Tons.

Applicants not already on the approved list of this Department or late Department of Supply, must give their Banker's reference on applications for Tender Forms. Tender Forms will not be issued to firms already black-listed. 4568

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR (WELFARE).

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following posts from candidates who are below 25 years of age (28 years in the case of backward classes) and domiciled in this Province. Relaxation of age limit may be considered in case of candidates possessing exceptionally good qualifications:—

Post:	Scale of Pay:	Qualifications:
One Superintendent.	170-10-200-15-380 plus D.A.	Honours Graduate with at least 5 years' experience of noting and drafting in a Govt. office or a private firm of note.
Three Senior Clerks.	120-10-200 E.B. 10-250, plus D.A.	Honours Graduates with at least 3 years experience of noting and drafting in a Govt. office or a private firm of note.
Three Junior Clerks.	75-5-140 plus D.A.	Matriculates or Secondary School Certificate holders knowing typing with some office experience.
One Steno-typist.	100-5-120-8-160	Matriculate with Shorthand and typing speed not less than 100 and 40 words per minute respectively.

Applications containing particulars regarding domicile, age, qualifications, past experience etc., should reach the Deputy Commissioner of Labour Welfare, Wellington Cinema Building, Dhobi Talao, Bombay No. 2. ON OR BEFORE THE 5TH JUNE, 1949 4561

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership subsisting between Mr. RASIKLAL MAGANLAL PUJARA and Mr. NAROTTAM NENSEY in the business carried on in the name of Messrs. R. Nensey & Co., at 157/161, Princess Street, Bombay 2, has been DISSOLVED as from 28th February, 1949, and the business as from that date is being carried on by Mr. Narottam Nensey alone."

For R. Nensey & Co.,
NAROTTAM NENSEY.
Proprietor.

Dated the 28th May, 1949. 763

THE B. E. S. & T. UNDERTAKING
Electric House, Fort, Bombay.

APPLICATIONS are invited for posts of Junior Cost Assistants in the Grade of Rs. 101-6-125-7-160-E.B.-8-200-10-220 plus Dearness Allowance as applicable with future prospects. Candidates should possess a degree in Commerce and be under 30 years of age. 4555

ALL INDIA RADIO
TENDER NOTICE

IN CONTINUATION of the earlier advertisement inviting tenders for the printing of All India Radio's programme Journal in Marathi, the last date for receipt of tenders has been extended upto 20th June 1949.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER,
All India Radio, Bombay. 4565

G. I. P. RAILWAY
TRAIN NOTICE

WITH EFFECT from June 1, 1949, 27 Down Allahabad Express train will HALT at KAJGAON and will consequently run to the following revised timings.

Kajgaon d. 7.09 hrs., Pachora A. 7.34, d. 7-39, Jalgaon d. 8.27; Bhusaval a. 9.13 hrs. 4557

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Award No. 71 of 1947.

In the matter of the INDIAN ARBITRATION ACT 1940
and
In the matter of the ARBITRATORS AWARD on the dispute between Messrs. NARAYANDAS KEDARNATH of the one part and MAHADEVLAL GOPIRAM and JUGALKISHORE MAHADULAL, carrying on business under the firm name of Mahadevlal Shroff of the other part being arbitration matter No. 183A.

Messrs. Narayandas Kedarnath, a firm, carrying on business at Bullion Exchange Building, Sheikh Memon Street, Bombay. Petitioners.

Versus

Mahadevlal Gopiram and Jugalkishore Mahadevlal, Shroff, carrying on business under the firm name of Messrs. Mahadevlal Shroff at Zaver Mahal, Marine Drive Bombay. ..... Respondents.

To
MAHADEVLAL GOPIRAM,

The Respondent abovenamed.

TAKE NOTICE that the Award in this matter bearing date the 30th day of July, 1947 was filed in my office on the 5th day of September, 1947.

Dated this 10th day of November, 1947.

(Sd.) S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) A. R. NARAYAN AYYAR

This 10th day of November, 1947.
Messrs. PAYNE & CO.,
Attorneys for the Petitioners. 4556

(For Further Notices See Page 3.)

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NOTICE

Mr. ABDUL JALIL SHEIKH MAHOMED has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim in or to the said property by way of mortgage, lease, easement or otherwise is required to make the same known in writing to us at our Office at 55, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that leasehold land with the messuages, standing thereon at Nowroji Hill Road Nos. 1-16, being Plot No. 125 of the Nowroji Hill Estate of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay containing 858 square yards or thereabouts bearing New Survey Nos. 3184 (part) Cadastral Survey No. 81/1721 of Mandvi Division and 4-B Ward No. 4137(7), Street No. 4 to 4G, 5 to 5-H and bounded on the East by a ten foot service passage, on the West by No. 16, Nowroji Hill Road, on the North by Plot No. 126 of the said Estate and on the South by No. 1 Nowroji Hill Road.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1949.

S. F. B. TYABJI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
4562

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED BOOKED AND UNBOOKED PACKAGES.

Under instructions from the B.B. & C.I. Railway, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways' Act No. IX of 1890, Messrs. MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 13th June, 1949 at 2 p.m. (S. T.) at their Parcel Depot near Grant Road Railway Station.

MENESSE & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF INTERNATIONAL 5 TON, 35 H.P. 1939 Model Truck fully passed and Morris 12 H.P. Motor car in good running order TO-DAY (SATURDAY, 28th May, 1949) at 3 p.m. at Britannia Saw Mills Compound, Mustafa Bazar, Byculla on view from 2 p.m. to-day. Auctioneers: MISTRY & CO. Tel. No. 22801.

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 a.m. Property of M. Gordon, Esqr., and others at Seth Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face of complete household and office furniture, 72 ins. large Dann and other small Godrej and Austrian Safe, steel almirah, typewriter, Sewing machine, electric ceiling and table fan, partition, dining, roll top writing and dressing table, show case, Zoola sofa cabinet, Chesterfield, almirah, bed H.M.V. gramophone etc. (S. Tax); T. 40213, EASTERN AUCTION CO.

AUCTION SALE of electrical equipment, cable, copper strips, tools, etc., by order of the Regional Disposals Commissioner, on 3rd June, 1949, at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at D. G. I. S. Depot, near Ghatkopar Station. Terms: 25 per cent cash deposit and Sales Tax. For catalogues apply to CRAWFORD & CO., Ph. 20521.

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AUCTION SALE of 520 Drums High Speed Diesel Oil U.S.A. each contg. 45 Imperial Gallons on 1-6-49 at 2-30 P.M. at Auction Rooms at 72, Medows St. under instructions from M/S Motichand and Devidas Attorneys for M/S The Sun Traders (Bombay) Ltd. and on a/c and at risk of M/S Mansukhlal Mohanlal Oil Co., of Duncan Rd. defaulting purchasers. Terms:— 25% cash deposit.

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Today's Engagements

EDUCATIONAL FILMS OF INDIA: Weather permitting Free demonstration for adults only of films on "Children's Diet" at 91 Walkeshwar Road today at 7-15 P.M. (S.T.).

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE: Prof T. A. Kulkarni will speak on "The Government Milk Scheme," Hall of Social Service League, Servants' of India Society's building 5-30 P.M.

Congress Workers' Conference

A conference of the Bombay Suburban District Congress workers will be held on Sunday, May 29 1949 at Jodhpur Holiday Camp, near Theosophical Colony-Bus-stand, and not at Ratansi Dharamsi Wadi Dandekar's Hut as previously announced. The programme which is for the whole day will commence with Flag-salutation at 8 a.m. near Gandhi statue, Juhu-Beach apposite Palm Grove Hotel.

MR. DEVDAS GANDHI FOR NEW YORK

To Attend Session Of U. N. Sub-Commission

BOMBAY, Friday: Mr. Devadas Gandhi, editor of the "Hindusthan Times," who is representing India at the U. N Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press, left Bombay by air for London today on his way to New York He was seen off at the Santa Cruz airport by several friends.

Prior to his departure, Mr. Devadas Gandhi told pressmen that the "SUB-Commission on Freedom of Information is an independent body elected by the Human Rights Commission, charged with the responsibility of fostering the two freedoms from which it derives its name. Almost every important State is represented and its scope is global."

INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY

"Members of the Sub-Commission function in their individual capacity, although they are carefully chosen by the Governments and the press of their respective states, "Mr. Gandhi said." The work of the Commission will not necessarily bind the the contracting states. But the Sub-Commission's prestige and the fact that it has been set up under the auspices of the United Nations is its own sanction. I cannot at this stage say more on the subject. I have yet to learn all about the Sub-Commission's scope and I have yet to meet and know my colleagues.'

Mr. Gandhi said that this was strictly a business visit. He hoped to be back directly the inaugural session of the Sub-Commission was over.

Mr. Devadas Gandhi is expected to return to India at the end of June.

Compensation Officer Appointed

A Compensation Officer as required under section 8 of the Bombay Land Requisition Act. 1948 has been appointed by the Government of Bombay Landlords and allottees of requisitioned premises may now lodge their compensation claims, if any, with this Officer at the Office of the Controller of Accommodation, Hutments near the Law College, Churchgate, Bombay.

TAGAI LOANS FOR GROWING SUBSIDIARY FOOD CROPS

Patil Urges Agriculturists To Avail Of Facilities

AN appeal to agriculturists to grow subsidiary food crops, especially sweet potatoes, on a large scale, was made by Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Agriculture and Forests, addressing the ninth of the series of the District Food Production Conferences, at Thana on Thursday. Mr Patil said that it was intended to produce a lakh of tons of sweet potatoes in the Province this year.

Sweet potato, added the Minister could be grown as kharif, rabi or summer crop and could be taken out within four months. While three acres of land were required to produce one ton of foodgrains only one acre under sweet potato could yield three to four tons and that too with less labour and expenses. The Minister enumerated the facilities the Government had offered to the cultivators to encourage sweet potato cultivation. Besides a subsidy at Rs. 20 an acre of the additional area to be brought under cultivation, they would be given tagai loans. The Government would also purchase the produce at a fixed rate.

Mr. Bowman, Collector of Thana District, Acharya Bhise, Mr. V. V. Dandlekar, M.L.C., Mr. Jaitu Patil, MLA., Mr. Thausaheb Paranjpye, MLA., Mr. Shamrao Patil, the President of the District Congress Committee, the President and members of the District Rural Development Board and a number of social workers were present at the conference.

The social workers made a number of suggestions to increase production, one of them being that a large area that was under fodder crops should be reclaimed for food crops.

The conference also heard from the cultivators the difficulties they were experiencing.

The Minister said that the Government was doing everything in its power to meet the requirements of the agriculturists. Nearly 50 per cent of the iron produced in the country had been specifically reserved for agricultural purposes. Animal husbandry though distantly related to food production, did really form part of the "Grow More Food" campaign.

Fodder was the food of the animals which were so essential for agriculture, and should be grown in large quantities, he said.

SPEEDY TRANSMISSION OF TELEGRAMS

P. & T. Department Making Special Arrangements

"The Post and Telegraph Department is making special arrangements for speeding up tranmission of telegraph traffic intended for delivery in the principal cities in India. In pursuance of this scheme, a special window will be opened from 1st June 1949 at the Central Telegraph Office near Flora Fountain, Bombay from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for accepting terminal messages for Calcutta, Madras New Delhi and their suburbs only for the present an experimental measure. Telegrams for these places tendered for booking at the special window will be speeded up at all stages There is no additional charge for this service.

Members of the public are advised to tender telegrams for Calcutta Madras and New Delhi at this special window. If several telegrams intended for different places are sent at one and the same time, telegrams for Calcutta, Madras and New Delhi may be separated from the rest and tendered at the special window in order to ensure speedy disposal."

BOMBAY, Friday.

Three hundred workers of the packing department of the Zandu Pharmaceutical Works at Dadar went on a stay-in strike this morning, demanding the reinstatement of four colleagues who had been retrenched.

Ejectment Proceedings Against Strikers

Those Imprisoned Or Dismissed Are Asked To Vacate Premises

BOMBAY, Friday.

Ejectment proceedings have been initiated by the Bombay Municipality in respect of some strikers, who have been either convicted to jail terms or have been dismissed by the Municipality for not reporting to duty on account of the strike. The Municipality has served them with notices asking for peaceful, vacant possession as they are no longer Municipal employees and are hence not entitled to occupy Municipal premises.

It will be recalled that the Municipality dismissed the other day 50 drivers and 50 cleaners, who did not report for duty, despite a clear warning that they would be dismissed if they did not do so. Besides this some others have also been dismissed.

Dr. J. F. Bulsara, Deputy Municipal Commissioner and Mr. Salebhov Abdul Kadar, Chairman of the Standing Committee who met reporters this morning said that more new recruits were coming forward, that more strikers were joining duties and there were more motor loaders yesterday than ever before in the strike period. The lorries made 365 trips which were the highest yet. The improvement was noticable in the markets also, where more men were coming for work. Yesterday, 160 temporary men reported for work in the markets and did the work of the usual 400 who are still staying away.

The number of Mahars who had come back to work, including those who had apologised in court and resumed, was about 150. Similarly the men and women who had stayed away due to fear of intimidation, were resuming work.

"FIZZLED OUT."

To a question, if this meant that the strike had "fizzled out", Mr. Bulsara said that no responsible officer could make such categorical statements. He could not say how long the strikers would hold on, for he had no means of ascertaining it. While the Municipality wanted the men to come back, so that the strain on the officers and the depleted staff would ease, he felt that the Municipality could hold on.

When his attention was drawn to a report in some paper this morning that pools of collected rain water were breeding mosquitoes and worms, he said that it appeared a bit unlikely as the Malarial larvae took eight days to incubate. Since the first rains fell only two or three days ago, the mosquitoes could not have started breeding. The Bombay Municipality had a special Malaria Department, with a special officer on top. They would not allow malaria carrying mosquitoes to breed. Some species were harmless. The weekly Malarial average for the City was only about 150-200. Regarding the breeding of worms, he did not rule out the possibility, but even if the report was true, it did not mean that the worms were not harmless.

Seven sweepers were arrested by the Dongri police yesterday for refusing to work. No arrests were reported today till the afternoon.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Modifications In Service Conditions

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of Bombay has elucidated further and modified to some extent its decisions taken last year on the recommendations of the Secondary Schools Committee. Some of the important elucidations and modifications are the following:

Teachers who have put in less than 10 years' service on June 1, 1948, will have ordinarily to obtain the S.T.C. or T.D. within five years from that date.

Intermediate trained teachers already in service, but not enjoying any special scale, should be given four advance increments in the Matric S.T.C. scale.

A graduate S. T. C. with Physical Education Diploma should be given the special allowance in addition to the B.A., S.T.C. scale.

The Government will continue to pay the 50 per cent. special dearness allowance grant to non-Government secondary schools, provided these schools pay, with effect from June 1, 1949, to their teaching and non-teaching staff dearness allowance at the rates sanctioned from time to time for Government servants.

The present Government rates are. Up to Rs. 50 (Rs. 35); Rs. 51 to 100 (Rs. 45); Rs. 101 to 150 (Rs. 50); Rs. 151 to 200 (Rs. 55); Rs. 201 to 300 (Rs. 60); Rs. 301 to 500 (Rs. 70); Rs. 501 to 750 (Rs. 85); Rs. 751 to 1,000 (Rs. 100).

A fixed amount of Rs. 10 should be given to an M. Ed. and/or T. D. of United Kingdom in addition to what additional amounts the teacher concerned may be getting for other attainments.

The efficiency bars should necessarily occur at the end of 10 years' service.

Schools with more than 800 pupils are not necessarily required to give the highest scale of pay to the headmasters.

RADIO

BOMBAY, Saturday.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s) 31.41 metres (9,550 kc/s) 7-30 a.m. G. J. Watwe Bhavgeeten 7-45 Minakshy Tracey Bhajan 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Hari Kishan (Colaba Pips at 8-45 a.m.) 8-45 News (G) 9-0 Close down.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s) 41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s) 12-45 p.m. Musical Interlude 12-50 Monammad Siddiq Narm fiza ki-karbaten Ghazal (Firaq) 1-0 News (G) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 You Asked For It 2-30 Close down.

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VARIATIONS

353 metres (850 kc/s) 41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s) 7-45 a.m. News (K) 8-0 Pannalal Ghosh Bansari recital 8-30 News (M) 8-45 Firoz Dastur 9-0 Close down.

353 metres (850 kc/s) 31.41 metres (9,550 kc/s) 12-50 p.m. News (M) 1-0 Hari Kishan 1-10 Bhajan, Abhang Aur Gaulan 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Nabhowanichya Parisarant Variety programme in Marathi 2-30 Close down.

353 metres (850 kc/s) 41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s) from 5-0 to 7-15 p.m. 61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s) from 7-30 to 11-0 p.m. 5-30 Children's Half-Hour 6-0 Mohammad Siddiq 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 News (K) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 G. J. Watwe Bhavgeeten 8-30 Sandeshi Replies to listeners' letters in Hindustani 8-40 Musical Interlude 8-45 "Rojachya Duniyet" Feature in (M) 9-0 Vimal Gavankar 9-25 G. J. Watwe Bhavgeeten 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Around The Local Cinemas Film review in English 9-55 Teer Nahi To Tukko 10-0 Pannalal Ghosh Bansari recital 10-30 Firoz Dastur 11-0 Close down.

BARODA: AHMEDABAD

250 metres (1,200 kc/s) 7-30 a.m. Morning Variety 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Shrinivas Khale Bhavgeet 8-30 Bhogilal Patel Flute 8-45 News (G) 9-0 Close down

6-0 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Bhogilal Patel Flute 6-25 Ganesh Thakore Geeto 6-35 Gramjano Mate (From Baroda only) 6-35 Majia Bhaio Mate (From Ahmedabad)

246.1 metres (920 kc/s) 7-0 p. m. Jagmohan 7-15 Natakghar Ane Chalchitrao 7-30 Saraswatisagar Mistry Vocal music (From Baroda only) 7-30 Topical Item (From Ahmedabad) 8-0 Music Lesson 8-10 Local Announcements 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Shrinivas Khale Vocal music 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Book Review 9-30 'Buddih Dhan Shak Mandal' Play in Gujarati: Written by Adi Marzban 10-0 Ganesh Thakore Gujarati Geeto 10-15 Shrinivas Khale Bhavgeet and Pad 10-30 Close down.

WEATHER

POONA, May 27.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from April 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 8.30 hours (IST) on May 27, 1949:—

Ahmedabad 107 88 0 0 minus 0.4 Ahmednagar 94 0.3 0.5 minus 0.4 Baroda 108 85 0 0 Belgaum 79 69 T 4.1 plus 0.6 BOMBAY 92 77 0.1 0.7 plus 0.4 Calcutta 95 82 0 16.0 plus 9.7 Delhi 108 79 0.2 0.5 minus 0.3 Honavar 86 76 0.5 5.7 Hyderabad (Dn) 98 80 0 1.1 minus 0.9 Karachi 100 70 0 0 minus 0.2 Lahore 108 78 0 0 minus 1.1 Lucknow 110 84 0 0.3 minus 0.6 Madras 97 82 0 8.6 plus 7.1 Nagpur 102 83 0 0.4 minus 0.7 Patna 99 81 0 4.1 plus 2.7 Peshawar 87 67 0 2.8 plus 0.3 Poona 92 74 0.6 2.2 plus 1.1 Rajkot 109 82 0 0 minus 0.5 Sholapur 95 76 0 2.9 plus 1.7 Simla 80 61 0 3.1 minus 0.9 Surat 95 84 0 0 minus 0.7.

The following is the daily weather summery for Friday May 27, 1949:

Rainfall has been widespread in Malabar, the Konkan and sub-Himalayan west Bengal Thundershowers have occurred locally in Orissa, the East Punjab, Madhya Bharat, the West Central Provinces, the Bombay Deccan and north Hyderabad and at a few stations in the Khasi hills. Gangetic West Bengal. Bihar, the United Provinces. East Rajputana, the East Central Provinces. South Hyderabad and along the north Madras coast. Day temperatures were appreciably above nomal in the region from Vindhya Pradesh to East Rajutana.

Forecast valid until the evening of 28th:— Rainfall will be widespread and locally heavy in Malabar. Fairly widespread light to moderate rain is also likely to continue in the Konkan. Thundershowers will occur locally in the East Punjab, in and near the hills of the West United Provinces, in Madhya Bharat, the West Central Provinces, the West Deccan and Mysore and at a few stations in north-east India, the plains of the United Provinces, in East Rajputana, the East Central Provinces, Vindhya Pradesh, the East Deccan and along the north Madras coast.

CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST R.P. IYER

BOMBAY, Friday.

Charges under sec. 384 of the Indian Penal Code for "committing extortion by dishonestly inducing Mr. R. K. Karanjia, Editor of "The Blitz" to deliver a sum of Rs. 750 on or about Jan. 7, 1949," were framed against R. P. Iyer, Editor, Printer and Publisher of the "Conch," a weely English Magazine of Bombay by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. Oscar Brown, at Esplanade Court today.

The charge-sheet stated that "the accused had committed extortion by intentionally putting R. K. Karanjia in fear of injury by threatening to publish obscene and defamatory libel concerning R. K. Karanjia and his wife unless Karanjia paid him Rs. 750 every month." The accused is stated to have published in continuation a series of such libels in his paper, the "Conch," under the caption "Bedside Chat" and "Bedside Patter" between 3rd and 31st of December, 1948.

The accused pleaded not guilty to these charges

The magistrate adjourned the next hearing of the case to Tuesday, May 31.

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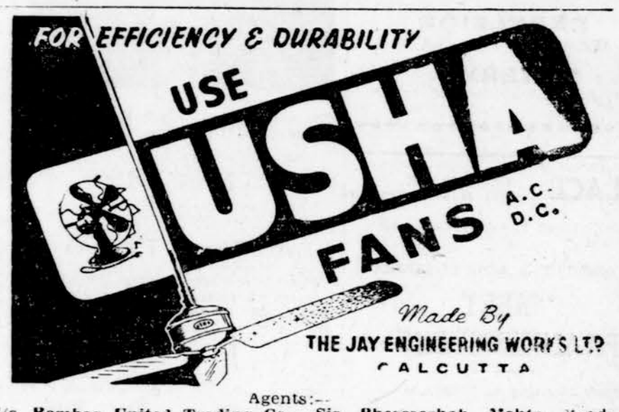

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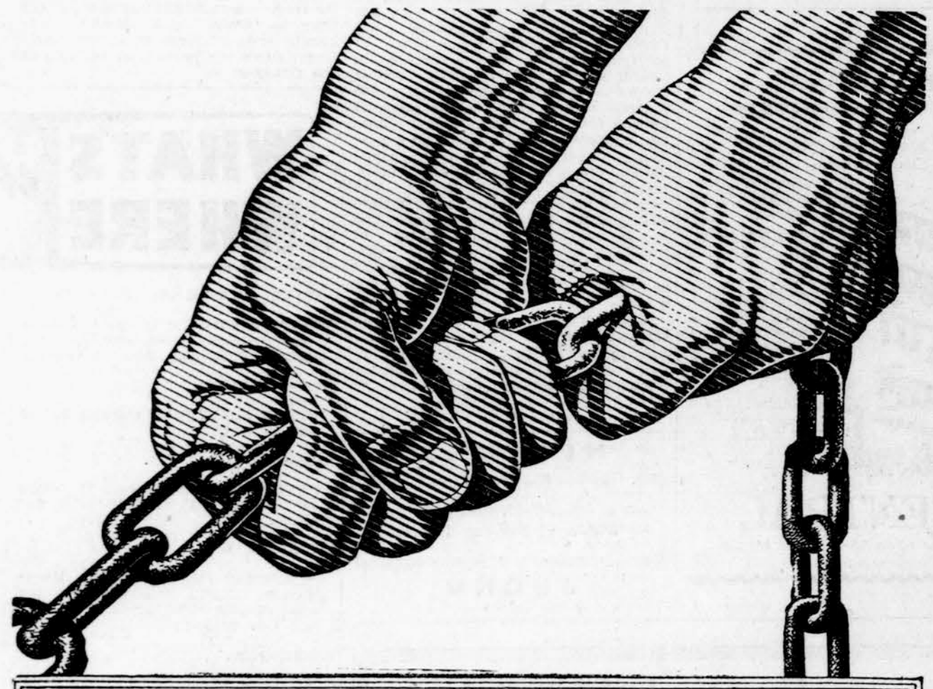

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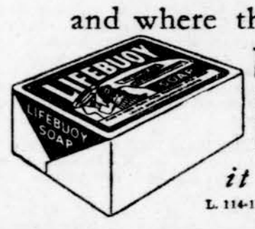

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FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK

Character-actor, Mazharkhan plays the lead in "Dil-Ki-Duniya".

"CHAR DIN"

At Three Theatres

Suraiya and Shyam play the leading roles in M. Sadiq's latest creation, "Char Din" which will be released today at Roxy, Jai Hind and Rivoli. It is the story of a young woman back from England. Her ideas of modern womanhood cause a flutter.

The supporting cast consists of Jayant, Pandit Badri Prasad, Randhir and Cuckoo. Songs composed by Shakil Badayani and music of Shyam Sunder add to the entertainment value of the picture.

Urvashi in "Asha".

"ASHA"

At Majestic And Dawlat

A new type of romance comes to the screen at Majestic and Dawlat where "Asha" is being released today.

"Asha" is the story of two souls in search of romance and love. They live in a village and are devoted to each other. The boy comes to the city to earn some money that would enable him to realise the dream of marrying his beloved and leading a settled life. But the girl's father comes to the village ad takes her to the city. The girl is being groomed by the father for social life. The boy manages to get a job with a musician Joseph who also owns the shop. Joseph takes to the boy very much and entrusts his shop to him. The boy has also picked up a friendship with a leader of the gang Bachan. The boy in his capacity as a dealer of musical instruments meets the girl. But the father opposes. It was left to Joseph and Bachan to settle the matter.

Shanta Kunwar and Sohan play the romantic leads. Samson and Laxmanrao give remarkable and convicing performances as Joseph and Bachan. Tiwari as the father is impressive.

"TO BE LET"

At The Central

No one need be scared by the long name "Jaga Bhadyane Dene Aahe". It merely means "To Be Let". Neither is there any need to feath that the Marathi medium in the picture is a hindrance to the enjoyment of this hilarious comedy. Anyone can follow the rollicking incidents of this tale of house-hunting. Shanta Apte's music is an added attraction.

The story is of a young man and a girl on the eternal search for rooms. Between them and a stage-obsessed, hen-packed landlord, with a marriageable daughter, they weave such a tangled web of deception that only the most uproarious climax can unravel the utterly droll complications.

"OMAR KHAYYAM"

At Swastik And Taj

"Omar Khayyam" which had a successful run simultaneously at three theatres for the last two weeks, now continues its non-stop run at Swastik and Taj.

Murari Pictures claim the credit for bringing the screen the greatest Persian scholar of the eleventh century. He was recognised far and wide for his poetry, philosophy, wisdom, astronomy. He was also a lover of peace and pleasure. Omar Khayyam is glorified in true colours.

Saigal gives an impressive performance as Omar Khayyam. Suraiya gives an able support. Wasti plays the bad man with his usual ease.

Songs are quite pleasing while dialogue highlight theme of the picture. "Omar Khayyam" is directed by Mohan Sinha.

"ROSHNI"

At Novelty, Surya And Neptune

Standard Pictures' "Roshni" is running for the fifth week at Novelty, Neptune and Surya. It is the story of a hater of music who turns into its most "devoted devotee". Story-writer-lyricist Santoshi has made adequate use of this situation to give mirth and melody for two hours and a half.

The antics of Mubtazali and the late V. H. Desai provide an entertainment value to the picture. Chand Berque and Benjamin.

Music is by C. Ramchandra.

"Anokha Pyar" To Be Released In June

After a successful run the north, Ambica Film's "Anokha Pyar" will be released in Bombay, simultaneously at Super and Kismet one June 3. The picture is produced and directed by M. I. Dharamsey of Bombay Talkies fame and this, his latest production, bears the Bombay Talkies stamp of clean, wholesome entertainment.

It is the story of the love of a flower-girl for a young man who in turn is in love with a rich girl. Ace music-director Anil Biswas has provided songs with a haunting beauty.

Nargis and Dilip Kumar have steller roles. But Nalini Jaywant, whose roles in "Sister" and "Ankkh Michouli" are still fresh in public memory, steals the picture, in her role as the flower-girl.

Kishore Sahu takes the artist's brush in one of the sequences in "Sawan Aya Re".

"SAWAN AYA RE"

At Two Theatres

Kishore Sahu and Ramola in "Sawan Aya Re" have proved a very popular pair at the Capitol and Krishna where the picture has been running for a fortnight.

Sharda and Charubala in "Vargheli".

"Vargheli" Due Very Shortly

Sarvodaya Pictures' Gujerati musical written and produced by Chandrasekhar Trivedi and starring Sharda who gave an impressive performance in "Grihasthi", "Kajal" and "Gharwali" will be released soon. Charubala, Kanta Kumari, Babu Raje, Shoba Rani, Jalejer Writer and Bhogilal are included in the cast.

"Vargheli" has been directed by Bapujee Viccajee and melodious music which highlights the picture is provided by Avinash Vyas and Chhannali Thakur.

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

CAPITOL, KRISHNA:

"SAWAN AYA RE" starring Kishore Sahu, Ramola, David, Pratima Devi, Mohna, Sofia and Ramesh Gupta.

SWASTIK, TAJ:

"OMAR KHAYYAM" starring Saigal and Suraiya.

LIBERTY:

"ANDAZ" starring Nargis, Dilip Kumar, Cuckoo, V. H. Desai and Raj Kapur.

MINERVA, LIDO:

"LAHORE" starring Nargis, Karan Dewan, Kuldip, Pratima Devi, Gulan, Randhir, Balakram, Urvashi, and Om Prakash.

KOHINOOR:

"MEETH BHAKAR" starring Vithal Chandrakant, Sulochana Powar, Anjani, Jaishankar, Bakre and Saroj.

KAMAL:

"DIL KI DUNIYA" starring Munawar Sultana, Gita Bali, Jaywant, Madhan Puri, Mazharkhan.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, CITY LIGHT, SWASTIK (Malad), NEW MODEL (Kurla), VENKATESH (Vile Parle):

"CHANDRALEKHA" starring T. R. Rajkumari, M. K. Radha, Ranjan, Sundari Bai and Yashodhara Katju.

SUPER:

"MERI KAHANI" starring Surendra, Munawar Sultana, Pratima Devi, and Sanobar.

CENTRAL:

"JAGA BHADYANE DENE AAHE" (To be let, Marathi) starring Shanta Apte.

IMPERIAL:

"BARI BEHEN" starring Suraiya, Rehman, Ulhas, Pran and Geeta Bali.

ROXY, JAI HIND and RIVOLI:

"CHAR DIN" starring Suraiya, Shyam, Jayant, Badri Prasad, Randhir, Cuckoo, Mohna and Om Prakash.

MAJESTIC, DAWLAT:

"ASHA" starring Shanta Kunwar, Sohan, Samson, Laxmanrao and Tiwari.

NEW WEST END:

"APNA DESH" starring Pushpa Hans, Umesh Sharma, Manmohan, K. Date and Sudha Apte.

CHITRA:

"GHAR KI IZZAT" starring Mumtaz Shanti and Manorama.

KISMAT:

"JIGGAR" starring Bhagwan, Baburao.

BROADWAY:

"SANWARIYA" starring Hafeez, Rehman and Veera.

NOVELTY, SURYA (Parel):

"ROSHNI" starring Rehana, Mumtaz Ali, V. H. Desai, Sofia, Pran, Nihal, Sita Bose, Benjamin.

A. I. T. U. C. Delegates Arrive

Four hundred delegates, claiming to represent eight laks of workers who are members of 550 Unions affiliated to the All-India Trade Union Congress have arrived in the city to attend the annual session of the Congress scheduled to be held at Blavatsky Lodge on Saturday morning.

The Working Committee of the Congress—all that is left of it—met this morning at the R. L. Trust. Of the 28 members of the Committee seven, mostly men with Forward Bloc affiliations were present. The rest of them, being mostly Communists have either been arrested and detained or have gone underground.

The Working Committee, however appointed two sub-committees—a Resolutions Committee and a Credentials Committee. Resolutions framed by the Resolutions Committee were brought up before the meeting of the General Council of the Congress in the afternoon.

The main political resolution condemns India's decision to continue in the Commonwealth. Other resolutions condemn the execution of Ganapathy, the Malayan Labour leader, protests against the sentences of death passed on eight communists in Nalagonda (Hyderabad), and demands the release of communists detenues. These resolutions will be first considered by the General Council today and by the Annual session on Saturday.

GANGAPUR DAM

Construction Making Rapid Progress

BOMBAY, Friday.

The work on the construction of the Gangapur Dam, eight miles west of Nasik which was started in February this year is making rapid progress, according to information available at the Bombay Secretariat, to-day.

This is one of the first of the major irrigation schemes undertaken by the Government of Bombay in its long term planning to meet the national food crisis.

The Dam will, when it is completed cost Rs. 175 lakhs.

The Dam will be 13,000 ft. long across the Godavari valley, 130 ft. above the river bed and 150 ft. above the foundation.

The special feature of the project is that it is being constructed entirely of earth with the most modern machinery used on such works in western countries.

The Executive Engineer in charge of the scheme was specially trained in America for the purpose.

A veritable fleet of the most up-to-date machinery required for the construction of a Dam of this type, viz:— Scrapers, bull-dozers, tractors, graders, sheeps foot rollers pneumatic drills etc., are now said to be roaring at the Dam in order to put it at least partly in shape, before the monsoon commences.

The project has a well-equipped "soil testing and mechanics laboratory" attached to it.

A well laid out town is fast growing in the vicinity of the Dam and is intended to house the personnel engaged on the construction.

The Dam which will be completed within the next to two years, will be utilised, purely for irrigational and agricultural purposes and not for electrification.

WATER TAP QUARREL LEADS TO MURDER

BOMBAY, Friday.

Frequent quarrels over the common water taps claimed the life of one more man today, the Nagpada Police reported.

It was said that Mohamed Iddris Babula, a resident of Lal Mohamed Wadi, Ripon Cross Lane, picked up a quarrel over the use of a pipe on Tuesday last with one of his neighbours, who was a room-partner of Parkhudas Imamdin. Imamdin intervened in the dispute and brought about a settlement. Since then, Iddris harboured a grudge against Imamdin. Yesterday evening, while Imamdin was going along at Nagpada, Iddris is alleged to have stabbed him. The victim was immediately rushed to J.J. Hospital, where he expired at 4 a.m. today.

The alleged assailant, Mohamed Iddris is still at large.

GAS MASKS TO FIGHT AHMEDABAD FIRE

BOMBAY, Friday.

Two gas-masks were sent by the Bombay Municipality last night to the Ahmedabad Municipality, on receipt of an urgent trunk call asking for them.

The gas masks are needed by the Fire Fighting Services of that City for tackling a fire which has broken out and which was reported to be threatening hundreds of cotton bales.

FRENCH INDIA GOVERNOR IN CITY

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mon. C. J. Camouilly, Governor of French India, arrived in Bombay today from Pondicherry. He will be leaving for Paris by a TWA plane on Saturday night.

His successor in office Mon. Jean Georges Chambon is arriving by a schedule T. W. A. flight in Bombay on Sunday night en route to Pondicherry to assume charge of his office.

Anand Food Products Conference

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Food and Agriculture, Government of India, will address the District Food Production Conference at Anand on Saturday convened by Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Forests and Agriculture, Government of Bombay.

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* Songs:— SHAKIL BADAYUNI
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Boxing Nursery Opened In Bombay

B. P. A. B. F.'S COACHING SCHEME LAUNCHED

BOMBAY, May 27 (A.P.I.).

The Bombay Presidency Amateur Boxing Federation has started a "Boxing Nursery" to coach young amateurs on scientific lines.

The school has taken up ten boys aged sixteen and seventeen and will give them individual coaching by a team of four members of the federation, who have considerable experience of amateur boxing both in India and the United Kingdom.

The B.P.A.B.F.'s scheme is primarily aimed at improving the standard of boxing in the Province. Simultaneously the Indian Amateur Boxing Federation has worked out a scheme aimed at improving the country's standard as a whole. Those provinces, which have no amateur boxing associations will be able under this scheme to join the I.A.B.F. and thereby give boxers in their territory a chance to compete in All-India contests. The object of the scheme is to ensure that no part of India should be left out and that each and every boxer gets a chance to join All-India teams.

The Indian Amateur Boxing Federation has also sponsored a three-cornered contest between India, Pakistan and Ceylon, to be held in Bombay in November next immediately after the Western India and All-India Amateur Boxing championships. The selection of an Indian team of boxers for the 1950 British Empire games in New Zealand will be made on the basis of performances in these competitions.

Bombay Amateur Boxing officials feel confident that India can reach international standards in three years if the various associations immediately take up schemes for training youngsters on scientific lines. They hold that only lack of coaching is responsible for India's backwardness in this sport in spite of the fact that organised amateur boxing has existed in the country for twenty-five years now.

Emphasising that there is no dearth of material in the country, one high official of the B.P.A.B.F. said: "I am quite confident that Bombay has some youngsters who can be developed into potential champions in international amateur boxing contests if they are trained on scientific lines and I am sure it is the same with regard to other provinces".

Another official said: "Catch them young, give them expert coaching and let them 'go through the mill'—and India will produce some top class boxers within three years".

Much importance is also being attached to the need of encouraging and popularising this sport in schools, colleges and the ranks of the fighting forces. In this connection it is significantly pointed out that India's amateur boxing standard rose rapidly during the war years due to the presence of British and American soldiers in India.

JONES'S NARROW VICTORY

Western India Billiards

BOMBAY, Friday.

A match played at such equal pace that its result bring in the balance till the very last minute ended in Perey Edward's favour this evening when he qualified for the semi-final of the Western India Billiard Championships at the expense of Rafique Dina at the Islam Gymkhana.

The winnner scored 1,072 points against 1,067 secured by his opponent in a four hour match. The competition was always keen and no player ran into a commanding lead at any time. After two hours Rafiq Dina was leading by 5 points, the scores being 548—543.

Only two breaks of over 50 were registered during the evening Jones's 55 and Dina's 58.

British Open Amateur Golf Championship

DUBLIN, May 27 (PTI-Reuter)—In the quarter-finals of the British Open Amateur Golf Championship on the Portmarnock Links this morning, E. B. Milward (England) beat Ian Considine (Scotland) by four and three, W. P. Turnesa (United States) beat Michael Power (Ireland) at the 19th hole, Kenneth Thom (England) beat J. W. Jones (Ireland) by four and three, S. M. McCready (Ireland) beat Frank Stranahan (United States), the holder by four and three.

Obaidullah Khan Gold Cup Tournament

BHOPAL, May 27 (API): Following are the results of matches in the Obaidullah Khan Gold Cup Hockey Tournament played here today:

Bhopal Textiles 2, Tiger Club (Bhopal) 0.

Feroz Gul (Bhopal) 0, Rashidia Club (Junior) 0.

Olympic Club (Nagpur) failed to turn up and Ictidaria Tal had a walkover.

WORLD HEAVY WEIGHT TITLE-FIGHT

LONDON, May 27 (PTI-Reuter): Jack Solomons, the London Boxing Promoter, announced today that Lee Savold, the American heavyweight, will fight the winner of the Bruce Woodcock versus Freddie Mills contest in the open air in London on September 6, the fight would be for the heavyweight championship of the World, he said.

Woodcock and Mills meet at the White City, London, on June 2.

British Amatuer Golf

DUBLIN, May 27 (PTI-Reuter).

British Amateur Golf Championship semi-finals this afternoon resulted in W Turnesa, United States holder of the title two years ago, beating E. B. Wilward by one hole and S. MacReady beating Kenneth Thom at the twentieth hole. The 36 holes final takes place tomorrow.

In the Day's Sport

FOOTBALL
COOPERAGE

4-40 p.m. Goans 'A' vs. Bombay City (Friendly).

5-40 p.m. St. Francis's Goans vs. Bombay Amateurs (Harwood League First Division).

ST. XAVIER'S GROUND PAREL:

3-40 p.m. Khandoba Vijaya vs. Matunga Athletic

4-40 p.m. Tatas vs. General Motors. (Friendly).

5-45 p.m. G.I.P. Rly. 'C' vs. B. B. and C. I. 'B' (IV Division Final)

G. I. P. RLY. GROUND:

3-40 p.m. B.S.N. vs. B. K. Samaj

4-40 p.m. Fort Rangers vs. Indian Hotels.

5-45 p.m. St. Francis Goans 'B' vs. Blue Wizards. (III Division Harwood League).

BILLIARDS
Islam Gymkhana

6 p.m. Wilson Jones vs Ranvir Khanna (W. I. Billiards).

Harwood League Football

GYMKHANA'S FOURTH DEFEAT IN A ROW

BOMBAY, Friday.

Bombay Gymkhana lost their fourth successive game in the First Division of the Harwood League Football this evening at the Cooperage. Burmah Shell managed to win by the odd goal in three.

Bombay Gymkhana and Burmah Shell gave a very disappointing display, the standard of football served up was mediocre. It was rather surprising to see the oilmen playing as a disjointed team. The oilmen should have won by a bigger margin.

Rego opened the Oilmen's account when he scored from a pass from Peter in the 18th minute of play. Transferring play the Bombay Gymkhana centre forward missed a golden opportunity of restoring equality when he had only the goalkeeper Santiago at his mercy.

Then came an orgy of missed chances, the Oilmen had absolutely no luck whatsoever, for they had an at least three occasions open chances, but with only the goalie at their mercy they failed to score. Bombay Gymkhana surprisingly gained the equalizer in the 28 minute of play when Smithers the right outer passed to Bright, who in turn pushed the ball dangerously across goalmouth. Bourcher lying close at hand sent in a first timer that gave Santiago something to think about.

Burmah Shell prevailed by the succeeding goal scored by Noronah in the 6th minute after resumption off a fine centre by extreme right.

The following are the teams:—

BURMAH SHELL: Santiago, H. Francis, Vaz; Ganpat, Santan, Witmer; A. Francis, Rego, Murthy, Noronah, Peter.

BOMBAY GYM.: McConashire; Boyle, Linford; Bush, Jeavons, McVicar, Smithers, Smith E. O., Bright, Smith W.

PAREL SOCCER

BOMBAY, Friday.

The following are the results of the matches played in the Junior Division of the Harwood Football League at Parel:

SECOND DIVISION: (St. Xavier's College Ground).

Little Pioneers 3, (BanerJee, Swami and Sen). Young Comrades 1 (Lopez).

THIRD DIVISION:

R.I.A.F. 3 (Rai 2, Shankar 1), B. B. and C. I. Rly. 'A' 0.

Dockyard 'B' 1 (Kunderi), Mazagoan Docks 0.

(G.I.P. Rly. Ground) R.I.A. S. C. 4 (Ray, Swami, Rajan, Kapoor), A. S. I. XI 3 (Alfred 1, Eddie 2).

Goan Sports 'D' 3 (D'Souza, Almeida and Mendes) Bombay Gas Co. 1 (C. D'Souza).

NEW ZEALAND SUFFER FIRST DEFEAT OF TOUR

Oxford Win By 83 Runs

OXFORD, May 27 (PTI-Reuter):

Oxford University were deserved victors over the New Zealanders by 83 runs today in a remarkable match here. Losing Reid to the first ball of the day from Wrigley, the New Zealanders never recovered and suffered their first defeat of the tour.

Donnelly and the injured Wallace batted valiantly in an eighth wicket stand of 49, but in an hour and half the New Zealanders, who began needing 165 more to win, lost the second half of their side for 81.

On a pitch considerably drier than on Thursday when batsmen had to defend themselves from flying balls, Wrigley, the former narow medium-fast bowler, proved more effective than the taller Whitcombe and finished with match figures of eight for 48. Again the Oxford fielding was brilliant, especially their catching, Kardar in particular, excelling with two he held off fierce slashes at gully.

Wallace once more showed his pluck by defying the Oxford attack on a still awkward pitch for 80 minutes. Some of his strokes did not go where intended, but seeing that he was handicapped by a painful thumb, he did extremely well. As long as Donnelly stayed with Wallace, the New Zealanders possessed a chance of bringing off a win.

Donnelly made several characteristic strokes, but Kardar beat him with a very good ball at 113 and when Wallace pulled a ball into slips' hands at 126, the game was virtually over.

Without a run added Smith fell in the gully and the University supporters swarmed on to the ground to acclaim the dark blues.

The New Zealanders are not dispirited by their first defeat. W. Hadlee, their captain, said after the game: "It was a most interesting experience many of our men had never encountered this type of a pitch."

The New Zealanders resumed their second innings against Oxford University here today requiring 165 runs to win with only five wickets standing.

In dull weather on a difficult wicket Reid and Cave resumed, but were soon back in the pavilion. Reid failed to add to his overnight score before being caught off Wrigley and Cave had added five when he was adjudged leg-before to the same bowler. Wallace and Donnelly came together to push the score along and at 81 for 7 wickets Wallace was not out 18, and Donnelly not out 12.

Wallace showed no sign of thumb trouble and he and Donnelly appeared fairly comfortable on a pitch which was far drier than yesterday and did not give Whitcombe much help. Wrigley swung the ball effectively and once rapped Wallace on his injured thumb.

Oxford were on their toes to part this eighth wicket pair comprising two of the best batsmen in the world. Whitcombe changed ends but it was Kardar who did the trick when he deceived Donnelly with a turning ball after the stand had added 49 runs.

The end virtually came with the dismissal of Wallace, ninth out at 126. He hit three fours in his stay at 80 minutes.

The University achieved their triumph when Kardar added to the list of brilliant catches by taking Smith at gully off a fierce cut and Oxford won by 83 runs.

Whitcombe's match figures were 8 for 109 and Wrigley's 8 for 88.

THE SCORES

Oxford University (1st Innings)	**247**
New Zealand (1st Innings)	**110**
Oxford University (2nd Innings)	**72**

New Zealand (2nd Innings)

Scott c Wiley b Whitcombe 4, Rabone c Van Ryneveld b Chesterton 10, Burtt c Kardar b Whitcombe 0, Hadlee b Whitcombe 21, Mooney b Kardar 1, Reid c Kardar b Wrigley 4, Cave lbw b Wrigley 9, Wallace c Whitcombe b Wrigley 37, Donnelly b Kardar 32, Smith c Kardar b Whitcombe 4, Hayes not out 0, Extras 4, Total 126.

Wicket fell at 1-14 2-14 3-14 4-36 5-36 6-45 7-64 8-113 and 9-126.

Bowling Analysis: Whitcombe 24.3-7 65-4 Wrigley 13-5-23-3, Chesterton 5-3-15-1, Kardar 7-2-19-2.

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS

LONDON, May 27 (PTI-Reuter):

The following are the results of the county cricket matches concluded today:

At Oval: Surrey beat Derbyshire by an innings and 182 runs. Surey 407, Derbyshire 52, (A. Bedser, 6 for 25, Parker 4 for 19 and 173, Gladwin not out 56; Laker 2 for 15.)

At Worcester: Worcestershire versus Lancashire match abandoned as a draw owing to rain. Worcester 327 for 9 declared. Lancashire 169 and 197 for 6 (N. Howard 95).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire beat Kent by ten wickets. Kent first innings 222 and second innings 134 (Evans 55; Nutter, 5 for 44, Clarke, 3 for 27) Northamptonshire 331 for 9 declared and 26 for 0.

At Leeds: Yorkshire versus Essex, match abandoned as draw owing to rain.

rain. Essex 174 and 203 for five (Dodds 88, Coxon, 4 for 29), Yorkshire 346 for nine declared.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University versus Warwickshire match drawn. Warwickshire 217 and 275 for 8 declared (Gardner 85, Cranmer 57, Wait 5 for 74), Cambridge University 282 and 99 for 4 in the second innings.

At Lords:—Middlelex versus Glamorgan match drawn: Middlesex 322 for nine declared and 52 for 3 declared; Glamorgan first innings 226 (Sims 5 for 77) and 119 for 7, (Young 4 for 33).

FRENCH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Englishwomen And Americans In Doubles Finals

PARIS, May 27 (PTI-Reuter): There will be an Anglo-American final in the women's doubles in the French Lawn Tennis Championships as a result of today's matches.

In the semi-finals top seeded Americans Mrs. Margaret Osborne Dupont and Miss Louise-Brough beat Miss Joan Curry and Miss Jean Quertier of Britain 6-2 4-6 6-3 and the British Wightman Cup players Mrs. Betty Hilton and Miss Joy Gannon defeated the South Africa's Mrs. Sheila Summer and Mrs. Ethel Watermever 2-6 7-5 6-1.

Frank Parker and Richard Gonzales, the seeded Americans, reached the Final of the men's doubles with a 6-4 6-3 6-1 win over Lennart Bergelin and Torsten Johanson, the Swedish Davis Cup pair.

In the second men's doubles semi-final Eustace Fennin and Eric Sturges (South Africa) beat Marcel Bernard (France) and Budge Batty (United States) 6-4 6-3 6-4.

In a semi-final of the women's consolation singles Mrs. E. Watermeyer beat Mme. Brunnarius (France) 6-4 6-3.

The other semi-final was not played today though Mme. A. Halff (France) beat her compatriot Mme. G. Jamain (France) 6-3 6-3 to enter that stage.

OOTACAMUND TENNIS

Seshadri Wins Men's Singles Title

OOTACAMUND, May 27 (API): Five finals were decided in the Lawley Institute Tennis Tournament which concluded here yesterday.

P. Seshadri, the Madras hardcourt tennis champion won his third consecutive singles title when he beat Vishnu Mohan in three straight sets at 6-3 6-1 and 6-3. The winner combined length and speed in his shots. Jimmy Mehta of Bombay partnered by N. Krishnaswamy annexed the doubles title by beating P. Seshadri and M. V. G. Appa Rao, Madras University doubles pair in four sets. The scores were 7-5 6-4 4-6 and 6-4. Jimmy Mehta ably supported by his partner whose backhand sliced return was very effective.

In the mixed doubles, Vishnu Mohan partnered by Miss Krishnamma beat Krishnaswamy and Mrs. Griffiths. Krishnamma gave a polished display with her short forehand cross shots. The final scores stood at 6-4 and 6-4.

The handicap doubles was won by E. E. Mackand and Col. Rowcraft (minus 15-3) against Prasad and Suryanarayana Rao (minus 15.3), the scores being 6-3 and 6-2.

Suryanarayana Rao with minus 30 won the handicap singles by beating Manmatha Rao (minus 30). The scores being 6-2 and 6-4.

NARESH KUMAR FOR UNITED KINGDOM

CALCUTTA, May 27 (API): Naresh Kumar, the Indian Tennis player, has been sent by the All India Lawn Tennis Association to take part in various tournaments in the United Kingdom and the Continent. He left for U.K. by air yesterday evening.

Naresh Kumar won three tournaments in a row this year, namely the Delhi Championship, the Bihar Championship and the Bengal Championship.

CALCUTTA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Sporting Union and Rangers each earned two points at the expense of Rajasthan and Aryans, respectively.

Both the games proved to be full and were below the usual standard.

For Rangers, Robson netted the goal in the first half. Thereafter they dominated the game.

Rajasthan and Sporting Union played rather an even game, each team taking the upper hand in their turn. Siben Sen of Sporting Union scored the goal in the first half.

Eisler Freed By British Court

LONDON, May 27, (U. P. A.): A Britain's Chief Magistrate Sir Lawrence Dunne today dismissed a United States extradition warrant for Gearhart Eisler and ordered the Communist agent freed.

Sir Lawrence said, "In my opinion it is abundantly clear that in no circumstances can that offence for which Mr. Eisler was convicted in America be brought under the technical head of perjury in this country."

Eisler did not even turn his head when the magistrate set him free. He smiled slowly and remained sitting in the dock with one arm thrown across the rails of the dock.

As Eisler emerged on the street a crowd clamoured "Good Comrade" and raised clenched fists in the Communist salute. Eisler paid little attention to the greetings. He is now free to say in Briain until he resumes his journey to his native Germany.

DR. RADHAKRISHNAN ROBBED OF JEWELS

MADRAS, May 27 (API)—Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who arrived in Madras by plane from Calcutta this afternoon was robbed of jewels and other articles worth about Rs. 5,000. On reaching his home he found that one of his suit cases had been tampered with and jewels and articles worth about Rs. 5,000 were missing.

The matter was reported to the police and a high police officer called at Dr. Radhakrrishnan's residence soon after. Investigation is proceeding.

CENTRE GRANTS DOLLAR FACILITIES TO MADRAS GOVT.

MADRAS, May 26, (UPI):— The Government of India have agreed to grant dollar facilities to the tune of 1.7 million dollars to enable the Madras Government to go ahead with the Machkund hydro electric project. This exchange facility which will be distributed over a period of three years will help the provincial Government to accept tenders from the U.S.A. for the supply of certain machinery and plants for the work connected with the project.

Disclosing this information at a press conference held soon after his return from Delhi this evening, Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Public Works' Madras' stated that he was able to secure his facility for Madras following the talks he had with the Finance Minister Dr. Matthai.

It was represented on behalf of the provincial Government that if orders for supply of the machinery were placed with the U.K. it was apprehended that the cost would be higher besides there being some delay in supply. Further some of the machinery were not available in the U. K. and could be had only in the U.S.A.

The Minister further said that the centre had also agreed to consider the granting of such dollar facilities for starting work connected with similar projects in the province.

CIVIL MARRIAGES IN BENGAL

CALCUTTA, May 26. (UPI):— "Civil marriage" is becoming popular in Bengal, uniting couples belonging to different castes and often professing different religious faiths.

From the solitary case in 1877, when the first marriage under the Civil Marriage Act between a Hindu couple belonging to two different castes took place. The figure rose to 1,000 in West Bengal alone in 1948.

A spokesman of the Marriage Registration Office told that civil marriages were limited mostly to the middle class. Others utilising this Act were 'Ayas and 'Khansamas' doctors and nurses and there had been a few 'political' marriages where couples belonging to the same political party took advantage of it.

He added that since the partition of Bengal, there had been quite a number of civil marriages among the refugees from Eastern Pakistan.

FRENCH SHIP BUILDING EXPERTS IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, May 27, (A. P. I.): Two French shipbuilding experts visited yesterday Rajguni, ten miles from Calcutta, for inspection of the site there suggested by the West Bengal Government for a shipbuilding yard.

The experts, M. J. J. Blanchard and M. J. L. Bourrally, are in India on the invitation of the Government of India. They are accompanied by Mr. P. L. Kumar, Development Officer, Ministry of Industry and Supply, Government of India.

The West Bengal Government have suggested four alternative sites on the Bank of the Hooghly—Diamond Harbour, Rajguni, Uluberia and Geokhali—for a shipbuilding yard.

Mysore Newsletter:

EXPERIMENTAL FARM FOR MYSORE STATE

Rs. 4 Lakhs Scheme Sanctioned

(From Our Correspondent)

BANGALORE, (By Mail).

The Government of Mysore have accorded administrative sanction for a scheme costing rupees four lakhs for starting an Agricultural Experimental Farm in Sulekere area in Chitaldrug District.

The Farm will conduct experiments on the black soil area with a view to find out whether they are suitable for wet cultivation.

The Government have also sanctioned a recurring expenditure of Rs. 35,014 for the first year, Rs. 54,809 for the second year and Rs. 71,844 for the third year for the above Farm. The Government direct that the above should be made a self-supporting Farm as early as possible. This scheme forms part of the Lakkavalli Reservoir Scheme, which when completed will cost the State Government Rs. 9 crores.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION

In a Gazette Extraordinary issued on May 24 the Government of Mysore have amended the Mysore Legislative Rules, 1941 which states the Rules and Procedure in respect of the election of a President and a Deputy President to the Mysore Representative Assembly.

The election will take place on the opening day of the Budget Session of the Representative Assembly, scheduled to meet here on May 30.

It will be recalled here that His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore conferred the privilege of electing a President and a Deputy President, on the members of the Representative Assembly by amending the Government of Mysore Constitution Act of 1940. By this conferment the 68-year old Mysore Representative Assembly will have the privilege of electing its own President for the first time. Till now the Dewan was presiding over the deliberations of the Assembly in his capacity as ex-officio President.

ORDINANCE TO CONFER MORE POWERS?

It is understood that the Government of Mysore, by means of an Ordinance, will confer on the Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee the required statutory powers which would empower the Committee to proceed against the creditors of Mr. B. N. Gopala Rao, to recover the excess of amounts drawn by them from Mr. Gopala Rao.

It might be mentioned here that the work of the Committee has been held up for want of hese statutory powers.

The Ordinance is expected to be published within a couple of days.

EDUCATIONAL REFORMS

The Government of Mysore have announced their intention to bring the Civil Station under the Mysore Educational System from the year 1949-50 and to afford certain educational concessions to the students of that area.

Regarding the Lower Elementary Schools (corresponding generally to the Primary Schools in the State) managed by the Municipal Commission, there are 35 of them in independent status, which will be taken over by the Government and run free, subject to the levy of the Educational Cess by the Municipal Commission.

There will, however, be five other Lower Elementary Schools attached tothe Municipal High School and the Municipal Higher Elementary Schools. As they are not independent institutions, the question of their control will be settled in consultation with the Municipal Commission. If the Municipal Commission agrees to retain them, Government will pay grants as in the case of other aided institutions in the State.

With reference to the Higher Elementary Schools (corresponding generally to the Middle Schools in the State) maintained by the Municipal Commission as well as the Lower Elementary, Higher Elementary, and Middle Schools run by private bodies and individuals the status quo will continue.

Raiders' Havoc In Kashmir

OVER 5,700 HOUSES BURNT DOWN

SRINAGAR, May 27 (API): The raiders had burnt down 5,725 houses in Kashmir Valley alone, according to figures collected up to December, 1948 by the Rehabilitation Department of the Jammu and Kashmir Government.

Out of this 1,401 houses have so far been reconstructed and 221 are in the process of being rebuilt.

Greatest destruction was caused in Badgan tehsil where 2,339 houses were burnt and reduced to shambles. The second to suffer most was Baramulla where 2,826 houses were destroyed.

Srinagar itself suffered destruction in respect of 213 houses. Other places where damages had been caused are Uri, Handwara and Kupwara.

TAXES TO BE REFUNDED

All punitive taxes imposed during the "Quit Kashmir" disturbances in 1946 will be refunded, according to orders issued by the Jammu and Kashmir Government.

These orders apply to all throughout the State for remission and refund of the taxes imposed by Government and courts.

The National Conference now in power has directed the Government to disburse all amounts collected as fines to the persons concerned on production of receipts.

KARACHI: A Press Note issued by the Government of Pakistan today declared that henceforth the Ministry without Portfolio shall be known as the Ministry of Kashmir Affairs.

Karachi Discussions Begin

KARACHI, May 25. (PTI-Reuter): Formal discussions between representatives of the U. N. C. I. P. and the Government of Pakistan on the Commission's latest truce proposals began here today.

Today's meeting which lasted for three hours was attended by the Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, Minister without portfolio, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Gurmani, and Mr. Mohammed Ali on behalf of Pakistan while Mr. Rovert Mactee, Ambassador Eric Colban and their two Advisers represented the Commission. The discussions will be resumed on Thursday morning.

The head of the "Azad Kashmir Resistance Movement", Chaudhri Ghulam Abbas and the President of the "Azad Kashmir Government", Sardar Mohammed Ibrahim, arrived in Karachi today. They are likely to be consulted before Pakistan delivers its reply to the Commission's truce proposals.

China's Renewed Protest Against "Reversal Policy"

It Is Against Potsdam Agreement, Says Dr. Lee

WASHINGTON, May 26 (PTI-Reuter): China today accused the United States of violating the Potsdam agreement and threatening Far Eastern security and Japanese recovery by her recently announced plan to halt further representations removals from Japan.

Dr. W. K. Lee, her representative, told the Far Eastern Commission here "no matter how much the Chinese Government may desire agreement, we cannot subscribe to a policy which appears to be dictated by considerations of expediency rather than by the basic principles for a just and lasting peace."

DANGER TO LASTING PEACE

Urging "careful reconsideration" of this "reversal of policy," he added "the Chinese Government is greatly perturbed by the move.

"We regard this drastic step as incompatiable with the series of international agreements and policy decisions to which the United States is a party.

"It is also in our view unjust to the countries victims of Japanese aggression, and may not prove in the long run to beneficial even to Japan.

"We fear it is, above all, prejudicial to a just and lasting peace in the Far East."

Turning to the economic repercussions of American policy, Dr. Lee said: "almost two years after the programme was set in motion, the Chinese Government, which nave made plans for utilising the assets under such a programme and are counting on receiving tnem, are suddenly told that it has been suspended.

"Surely no one can deny that this sudden recession is bound to derange the plans of the recipients, thereby retarding their economic rehabilitation.

"In taking this action, the United States Government has probably not realised the moral aspect of the matter."

PHILIPPINES' PROTEST

This was China's second protest in a week at the suspension of reparations.

Earlier today, the Philippines' delegate, General Carlos P. Romulo, had also renewed his complaint against the American action which, he said, "broke faith" with the Philippines.

With the possible exception of China, he declared, the Philippines had suffered the heaviest loss of Japanese aggression and were therefore entitled to preferential treatment in collecting damages.

It was understood today that the United States was deermined to resist any attempt to receive reparations. This course was the outcome of its decision to restore Japan to a condition of self-support as quickly as possible.

17 STUDENTS BURIED IN BURNING LAVA

BOGOTA, May 27 (PTI-Reuter): Seventeen students were tonight feared buried in burning lava below the Puraco volcano, in the Cordilleras, 25 miles east of Popayan, in the south-western corner of Colombia.

Nine unidentified bodies have been found according to newspaper reports reaching here from Popayan. Two of the party of 19 were found alive, though injured, in a cave which had protected them from the burning lava.

The students, aged from 15 to 19, from the high school attached to the University Del Cauca had set out on their expedition yesterday without apprehension as the volcano had been inactive for the past 16 years. The eruption from the great 15,420 foot peak caught them completely by surprise.

BATAVIA, May 27 (PTI-Reuter): Over 170 Indonesian guerillas were killed in various actions in Central Java, the Dutch Information Service weekly review of the siation stated today. Guerilla attacks on Dutch posts around Jogjakarta. Indonesian Republic's capital, and Soekarta still continue, the revew added.

7 INDIANS LOOTED

Dacoity On Rangoon Highway

RANGOON, May 27 (PTI-Reuter): Gunmen with automatic weapons last night waylaid a Burma Airways road coach near Mingaladon aerodrome, 13-miles north of Rangoon and robbed seven Indian passengers of cash totalling nearly Rs. 13,000. The Indians, mostly merchants from Lashio, were returning to Rangoon by late plane.

TRIBAL LEADER ARRESTED

Mon Po Cho, ackuowledged as leader of Burma's 400,000 Mon tribesmen was arrested by the Burma Army in Insein, ten miles north of Rangoon last night.

Before his arrest, Mon Po Cho said: "The accusation that I collaborated with Karens during their occupation of Insein is untrue. I was virtually a prisoner of the Karens".

Mons, a tribe related to the Karens, have been in revolt for the past five months, demanding an autonomous State in Tenasserim coastal districts, which they dominate.

R.A.F. RESUME ATTACK ON MALAY GUERILLAS

SINGAPORE, May 27 (PTI-Reuter): Royal Air Force Beaufighters today struck at the Malaya jungle area of Trengganu, after two days rest from anti-terrorist operations. Following a concentrated attack by four aircraft, a second strike was made a few hours later. The sorties were part of the Air Force's biggest campaign yet in the Malaya fighting, in which Spitfires and Beaufighters have, during the last few days, struck mny times at guerilla positions west of Kuala Lumpur and on the Negai Sembilan Pahang border.

LUCKNOW, May 27 (API): Four Communist detenus, including three women have been on hunger strike for the past ten days in the Lucknow District Jail, it was officially stated here today.

The Bombay Chronicle

Prosperity is the touchstone of virtue; for it is less difficult to bear misfortunes than to remain uncorrupted by pleasure.

—TACITUS

AGRARIAN REFORMS

Some radical recommendations are made by the Agrarian Reforms Committee of the Congress and they need to be carefully examined and commented upon by the public even before they are taken up by the Central and the Provincial Governments. This Committee was appointed by the Congress President on the suggestion of the Revenue Ministers' Conference held at Delhi in 1947 to recommend a reasonably uniform system of Agrarian Reforms which might be specially beneficial in the wake of the abolition of Zamindari. The Committee's report is expected to be published in about a month but the public can form a fair idea of it from the brief recommendations published a couple of days ago.

The main recommendation of the Committee is understood to be that the minimum economic holdings as well as the maximum permissible should be prescribed, which should vary from province to province to suit local conditions. The need for fixing the size of a minimum holding is obvious, if only as a means to keep the cultivator and his family alive. And considering that much land in the country is poorly irrigated and manured and yields but one crop during the year and considering also the vagaries of the monsoon and the precarious character of subsidiary industries, it is necessary that the minimum holding should be appreciably larger than it is generally assumed to be. It is desirable too that a cultivator's plots should all be in one compact area. All this requires legislation to prevent fragmentation of land and to consolidate isolated plots. Very great care is necessary in fixing the maximum limit. Large farms permit and even compel the use of tractors and other means of mechanised farming. The Committee is reported to disfavour mechanisation of agriculture on a large-scale, but recommends it in respect of the State and collective farming areas. Mr. Morris E. Wood, Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations, has also recommended on the basis of his first-hand knowledge of Indian agriculture, that large-scale mechanisation of farming would be most unwise in this country as it would revolutionise long-established agricultural practices. He would limit mechanisation to the breaking of new land and terracing to avoid soil erosion. But at present when the production of food and other crops needs to be speeded up by all possible means it is desirable to adopt mechanised farming on large farms, whether they belong to individuals or bodies like co-operative societies. If so, the maximum limit of a holding should not be fixed so low as to discourage mechanised farming. If a landowner is found to insufficiently use his extensive holding, it may be cut down or transferred to another.

One of the most troublesome agrarian problems in India is the system of absentee landlords, whether these own vast or small lands. The Zamindari system is now being fast abolished and the Zamindar's lands are being distributed among a number of actual cultivators. But a large number of small absentee landowners still exist who extort a high rent from the cultivators. The two maintain a dual management of land, which is as harmful as any form of dual Government. It weakens the initiative of either party and the land steadily deteriorates. To end this system the Agrarian Reforms Committee recommends that sub-letting should be completely prohibited. But lest a sub-letter should pretend to be an owner-cultivator, while getting all work done by others supposed to be only hired workers, the Committee suggests that a genuine owner-cultivator should put in a minimum amount of physical labour. We doubt if the test is workable or quite fair. A landowner may render valuable service by guiding and supervising agricultural work, though the guidance and supervision may not constitute physical labour of the type that the Committee has in mind. However, the full report may throw much useful light on this vexed question and we shall await it with much interest.

Government Must Act

Owing to the insistence of shareholders, the Bombay Government appointed Inspectors to look into the affairs of the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Mills Limited. It was an unprecedented thing in the history of the Bombay textile industry but the Mill has been known for records of this nature before. The first instalment, or technical part, of the report has been submitted to the Government and the most striking recommendation is that the Government should directly take a hand in order to save the Mill from ruin—in the interests of the key industry no less than in the interests of the shareholders. The detailed inquiry into the working of the concern has resulted in a searching report which leaves little untouched. As one reads through its voluminous record, one is left aghast at the negligence and indifference of the Management and the extreme light-heartedness, even callousness, with which responsible members of the concern took the investigation. The Inspectors comment severely on the lack of responsibility in the Managing Agents and the "supine Board of Directors". Once before in the history of the Mill, Managing Agents had mismanaged affairs and they had been sent packing by their Board. But on the present occasion it was left to a section of the shareholders to organise themselves and, even then, relief was long in coming.

The business which was at one period one of the leading Mills in the country fell upon evil days and found itself saddled with debts and a bad management. The proceedings which were a consequence of all this, resulted in the present Managing Agency coming in as it were in pursuit of a loan it had made to the Mill, and undertaking its management. As has been admitted by some of the partners, the Managing Agents had little or no experience of the textile industry. On these uncharted seas, the Managing Agents floundered. There seems to be hardly a single department in the Mill which does not suffer from lack of supervision, checking and adequate records. An illuminating commentary on the waste and inefficiency in the Mill is provided by the payment to a contractor for stacking Coal at times when the records showed that the Mill had to stop work for lack of Coal supplies! Those who have read the extracts published in the "Bombay Chronicle", will recall other instances of wasteful indifference. This example is only one of many signs of carelessness displayed in the several departments which led to excesses where there should be shortages, and vice versa. So much on what might be called the negative side. On the positive, there seems to have been much done which could not be regarded as permissible in joint stock business, a completely unorthodox conduct of business.

The Inspectors have recommended that the Government should take immediate action to save the concern from rapid deterioration. On the facts submitted by the Inspectors in their report, we do not see what less they can do. It would mean nothing more than the following up of their action in responding to the shareholders' appeal and instituting an inquiry. So far as the Mill is concerned, there can be no doubt that taking it over and running it will be the best course. And it will have the added merit of rescuing a key industry. (It should not be forgotten that all the while the Mill lost through neglect and indifference, the country was passing through a difficult period of cloth shortage and still is.) There are other issues involved. The immediate need, however, is to rescue the Mill. Such an act would restore confidence in the investing public, assert the principles of joint stock enterprise and help to set certain minimum standards in the textile business where they seem sadly lacking today. It will also place the Government in a position to trace the defects and leakages more effectively to their sources and to act against those whose misdoings are uncovered. There has been a great deal of talk about cleaning up public life, raising business standards and improving the tone of the people. There can be no better point at which to apply these preachings than in the Sholapur Mills, where enough has been declared by the Inspectors to show that things are not as they should be and have not been so for some seven years.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

KARACHI: Khan Abdul Qaiyum Khan, Premier of the North-West Frontier Province, said at a press conference here on Wednesday that he was "prepared to face general elections" in his province if a "similar test" was applied in other provinces in Pakistan.

He was commenting on the recent formation of a parallel Muslim League and the secession of seven members from the North-West Frontier Province Muslim League Assembly Party

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KARACHI, May 26: Formal discussions between representatives of the U. N. Kashmir Commission and the Government of Pakistan on the Commission's latest proposals began here yesterday—PTI-Reuter.

Preliminary or subsequent to informal exchanges of—er—thoughts?

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President Truman, says a Washington report, has been given the annual Roberts Abbot award as the individual who had done most in the past year to advance the ideals of full citizenship without regard to race, creed or colour.

He certainly deserved the award—as the individual who could have done most in the past year and can do most in future years to advance the ideals of full citizenship without regard to race, creed or colour.

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The Shah of Iran has declared that the existence of a strong and independent Iran is in the interests of the whole world.

But which of the two whole worlds?

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At Wednesday's meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers, Mr. Dean Acheson, we read, challenged Russia to disclose what the Soviet Zone could contribute in any scheme for German unity.

Why, the entire 100 per cent, beginning, of course, with, say, 50 per cent or so.

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King Abdullah of Transjordan is reported to have hinted that he planned to use the Arab Legion to promote a united Arab state.

A fair enough advance notice by King Abdullah of Transjordan.

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Addressing the "Army Day" parade of the Legion, King Abdullah called upon his troops to implement "the fundamentals of the last revolt" (1916 Arab revolt) which will be followed up by general Arab unity.

The fundamental of "the last revolt" having been the establishment of a Pan-Arab Hashimite Kingdom under His Majesty's father.....yes, it is fair enough as an advance notice.

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According to a Prague report, President Klement Gottwald has insisted in a speech to the Congress of the Czechoslovak Communit Party that all Czechoslovakia must adopt the Marxist-Leninist ideology.

The fact that he didn't say Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist ideology causes us some slight anxiety. Is he preparing the introduction of Marxist-Leninist-Gottwaldist ideology?

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

(By "Citizen")

It is a full fortnight since the many thousand Municipal workers who used to keep Bombay clean downed tools, and yet the city seems to be as far away from a settlement of the unfortunate dispute as it was on the day the strike started. An early outburst of monsoon has made matters worse and it will be no exaggeration to say, that at least some parts of the city are in a condition that must cause concern both to the authorities and the citizens. Any further neglect of these parts, and failure to make immediate and adequate arrangements to give them at least partial relief, might endanger the health of the residents of those areas. The question is no more how clean is the city. The real question is how long are the citizens to suffer the present agony?

So far as the cleanliness of the city is concerned all must agree that conditions generally are far from satisfactory, that in some areas they are positively bad and in at least a few localities they are no more tolerable. It must also be agreed that in the absence of anything like an adequate substitute arrangement if there is no early end to the dispute conditions are bound to deteriorate and apart from the suffering such conditions cause to the citizens of particular areas they will mean a serious setback to the city's health. The real question therefore must be how to bring about an early end of the strike.

SPECIAL MEETING

It was this question that was discussed for full two hours by the City Corporation at a special meeting held this week. The meeting interrupted the holiday that the city fathers were enjoying and in spite of the fact that some of them, according to the statement of the Leader of the Congress Party, hurried back to the city from neighbouring hill stations in response to a special party whip, the attendance at the meeting could not reach seventy. This means that some forty to fifty Municipal Councillors are out of town.

Those who assembled on Monday discussed the matter in all its aspects and one more attempt made by the Opposition, at whose request the special meeting was convened, to persuade the House to agree to resume negotiations with the strikers met the same fate as similar attempts made earlier had met. The resolution sponsored by the Socialist spokesman expressed the opinion that since substitute conservancy and sanitation services could not be effectively organised and some of the demands, not all, of the strikers were just and reasonable, it was desirable to resume negotiations for a settlement of the dispute. It was therefore suggested that a Committee should be appointed to discuss the matter with the strike leaders. The motion also condemned the action of the Government in arresting the leaders of the strikers and in jailing hundreds of them, and urged upon the authorities the abandoning of that policy.

CLEARING THE AIR

The prolonged debate at any rate helped to elucidate the conflicting points of view on the subject. The majority who threw out the suggestion, supported the attitude of the Municipal Commissioner and the Government in dealing with the strikers. That plan as has been disclosed so far, is to bring the recalcitrant workers to their senses by an effort to organise substitute sanitary service and by a refusal to talk to them till they return to work. The Opposition, while admitting that the strike was ill-advised and that the Union leaders failed to check the workers from resorting to that extreme action, pleaded for giving up the attempt to coerce the workers and appealed to the House to make an effort to persuade them to agree to refer the matter to adjudication. It was suggested that there were reasonable hopes that such effort would succeed and the workers would agree to come back to work if their leaders were approached through men in whom they had faith.

COMMISSIONER UNDER FIRE

The Municipal Commissioner who was away on a brief holiday, came in for a good deal of criticism not only for his absence from the House on so important an occasion, but also for his refusal to supply necessary information which he was specifically asked to furnish. He was charged with misleading the public by giving figures about the men on work which it was pointed out were not dependable in the absence of the details which were not being supplied in spite of repeated demands.

The press reports to the effect that the city even at the end of a week of strike was as clean as ever, that the Municipal Commissioner had worked wonders and had achieved the impossible, provoked the mover of the motion to remark that these were attempts at window dressing and these "certificates of efficiency" were secured as a result of conducted tours of pressmen. The implied attack on the press was repulsed by the Chairman of the Standing Committee, the main Congress party speaker for the day, who said that the reporters were cleverer than either side of the House or even both of them put together.

The mover who in his reply claimed to have been a professional newshound all his life, frankly corroborated that statement and admitted that in the reporting fraternity of Bombay there were men whose cleverness was never in doubt and what was being objected to was the manner in which official news was being handed out to the press from day to day. It was pointed out that there were contradictions involved and unless full information was forthcoming it would be difficult for any one to believe the round figures as they would lead one to conclude that hardly any one was on strike.

It is interesting to note that following the debate in the Corporation no more figures are forthcoming and, if anything, the worsening of conditions is being gradually admitted. The Chairman of the Standing Committee admitted that the number of convicted strikers was rising, a proof of the determination of the workers, and that the police had been so overworked in giving protection to the 1000—only one thousand after ten days—newly engaged men on duty that the Home Guards have now been called to do the job which was so far being done by the police.

ANXIOUS CITY

Recent press comment reveals the anxiety of the city papers for an early end of the dispute, for it is being realised that conditions are disturbing. It has been observed that "the claim that the streets are as clean as they were before the strike is so palpably false as to be ridiculous", and that "there is considerable doubt as to whether the statistics concerning strikers who have returned to work are accurate." It is being asked "what has become of the proposal made in the earlier stages that hundreds of workers would be brought from other parts of the province", and a suggestion has been made "to launch a propaganda campaign to wean the strikers back from their misguided action."

DR. AMBEDKAR

Yet another section has inquired why the services of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the president of the Municipal Kamgar Sangh, to which the strikers owe allegiance have not been made use of, a suggestion which this paper was the first to make. Strangely enough, there is no reply to that query from the official quarters. After all the men on strike are without doubt under the complete influence,

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Unwise Transfer

It is a surprise to learn that Mr. Save in charge of Adivasis (Warli) of Thana District has been transferred to Colaba District. Mr. Save studied the home language of Adivasis, moved and lived with them. He saved these Warlis from the clutches of communists and brought them under control when there was a great trouble of these Warlis in the jungles. His quiet nature and Gandhiji's non-violence philosophy made these Warlis realise they were equal to other human beings. His work is not yet completed among the Adivasis and his removal at this stage will encouragement to a few remaining communist minded Adivasis and underground workers who wanted to create troubles to gain their own selfish motives.

Dahanu Road. —S. E. AIMAN.

Basic Education

At the recent All-India Basic Education Conference, Gandhiji's definition of basic education as "the present matriculation less English" was explained as aiming at the standard to be attained in basic education; and some delegates hotly denied that, according to Gandhiji, basic education covered the field of Secondary education also. But Gandhiji not only indicated the standard of attainment, by this definition, but he explicitly stated that he would certainly abolish what is called secondary education and give the whole education up to matriculation in village schools. (Harijan August 1947). Again, in October 1937 of Harijan, he wrote that "primary education extending over a period of seven years or longer and covering all the subjects up to the matriculation standard, except English, and plus a vacation, should take the place of what passes under the name of primary, middle and high school education." Again answering Ravi Shankar Shukla, Gandhiji unequivocally observed that "he should combine into one what you call now primary education and secondary or high school education" The Hon. Minister for Education, Orissa expressed the difficulty he felt in the administration of basic education in his province, as the relationship between basic and secondary education had not been clearly defined, and desired to know now the two should be coalesced. We may claim the right to make departures from Gandhiji's schema of basic education; and I, for one, believe that secondary education has a definite place in the educational economy of our country, as in other countries. But we must be honest to admit that Gandhiji conceived basic education to embrace secondary education also and wanted to finish off both the stages of elementary and secondary stages of education of 11 years in a period of seven years. It is gratifying that the conference emphasised that basic education should embrace a period of no less than eight full years and that the bifurcation into junior and senior basic is unsound

—R. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.
Peelamedu.

Bullion Operators And Income Tax

The bull operators in the Bullion market are reported to have cleaned up in profits Rs. 50 lakhs which would appear to be an underestimate as the takings are likely to amount to at least Rs. 75 over the Vaishak settlement. But the profits would vanish, so far as the income-tax is concerned, by the time the 'havala' is bought from the losing bears and the gains of bulls reinvested in ready market—an operation that is mainly responsible for disappearance of tangible bullion and its price boost under conditions of scarcity. The blackmarket profits are invariably invested in bullion which helps evasion of legitimate taxes.

The income-tax officers must therefore swoop on the operators before they settle their accounts. This can be done if they approach the brokers as well as the clearing house and obtain their list of bull operators. It is possible the brokers may plead, in most cases, mostly non-existent 'upcountry customers'. But even the upcountry customers are expected to have names as well as local habitation and it should be possible to contact them. The Income-tax Department must demand production of the parties, examine their accounts and recover the income-tax from them.

This would also produce the effect of eliminating the factors that are mainly responsible for the periodical squeeze that the bullion speculators produce. There is a general complaint that the income-tax collectors are harrying businessmen including the small man while big operators are allowed to get off. It, therefore, the Department officials divert their attention to the bullion and other market speculators, the kind of Government 'intervention' to which the businessman objects would be rendered unnecessary.

—ONLOOKER

B.E.S.T. Bus Lights

On an average a Bombay man, living in the nearby suburbs, spends two hours per day in the B.E.S.T. buses. Though the seats are comfortable, the lighting is bad and it is not possible to read anything inside the bus. Why cannot we have better lighting so that all these hours will not be wasted. Think of the man-hours lost while travelling on the bus or waiting in the queues! Let us hope that, when the Corporation orders more buses, they will get better lighted and less shaking buses.

—A TRAVELLER

Public Telephones

With the message rate system coming into force, it has become more difficult for an ordinary man to get the use of a telephone. In an emergency, he has to swallow pride and get several rebuffs before a decent subscriber allows him the use of the instrument. During the war public telephones were the first casualties and they have not been replaced yet. In a city like Bombay, a telephone is a necessity. But only a few can afford it, nor are the authorities willing to give any more lines. As an alternative the Government ought to instal more public telephone in every locality and make them as common as post-boxes.

—S. P. KARMARKAR.

B.E.S.T. Indifference

Twice during the last few months the electric current of our building has been cut off by the B.E.S.T officials for some minor defects in the fittings. The B.E.S.T. serves a notice on the landlord to get the repairs done. The landlord does it at his own convenience and then awaits the B.E.S.T. to give current. They, too, do it at their own leisure. It is strange that B.E.S.T. feels no duty towards the tenants who really foot the electricity bill. No attempt is made either by the landlord or the B.E.S.T. to give a temporary connection to the tenants. Last time, the tenants of the building went without lights for three weeks. This time, a fortnight has passed. The building Mehta says that he has completed the repairs three days ago and is awaiting the sweet pleasure of the B.E.S.T. to connect the lights. This is not an isolated case. For similar defects in the fittings, or unpaid bills, the B.E.S.T. just cuts off the lights and feels that it owes no duty to the tenants who have already paid their light charges to the landlord. Now that the B.E.S.T. is no longer a private concern but a public utility body, owned by the people, it ought to develop more consideration for the people.

—A SUFFERER.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Civil Marriages

It is good news that inter-caste civil marriages are getting very popular in Bengal. The number of such marriages in West Bengal alone in 1948 is said to be 1,000. But they need to be many more in every province if the new ideal of a casteless society is to be a real force in the country. Marriage is essentially a personal thing and the most that one can ask for is a removal of all artificial restrictions. The reformers should carry on vigorous propaganda to make persons aware of their rights and legislation must necessarily be of an enabling, permissive character. Unfortunately, social reform propaganda has not at all been conspicuous in this country except for the recent agitation to remove untouchability. Before Independence agitation was concentrated on political reform. Even the annual all-India social reform conferences, which used to be held along with the Congress sessions, came to be dropped more than twenty years ago. Now that Independence has been achieved, reformers seem to rely too much on legislation, though laws remain as dead letter without propaganda among the public. It is necessary that the country should have a vast net-work of social reform societies, very much like the Congress Committees carrying on political and economic activities.

Regrettable Defiance

Some Socialists of Delhi having been arrested on Wednesday for taking out a procession in defiance of the District Magistrate's order banning processions, a few Socialist leaders have issued a statement condemning the arrests as a "denial of normal civil liberties" We are not in a position to say whether the particular ban on processions was necessary, though sometimes such a ban has been found to be quite necessary. Civil liberties imply some obligations, and when the latter are discarded it is sometimes necessary to restrain civil liberties. In any case when there was actually a ban, it was most unwise for the Socialists to have defied it. They could certainly have made their representations legally and constitutionally. In defying the law they invited police intervention.

Placing The Displaced

Plans for the rehabilitation of refugees have progressed towards a decisive stage. The Central Government has issued a directive to the Provincial Governments to introduce a policy of gradual stoppage of free doles to refugees before October 31; and then it is understood to have addressed to them a communication emphasising early liquidation of temporary camps and the implementation of the schemes of permanent settlement. Employment and housing are foremost among the requisites of permanent settlement resources of employment will have to be made sure side by side with the gradual stoppage of free doles. If agriculture is insisted upon as a means of employment for the refugees who were farmers, the task of industrial development, as a measure of relief, is likely to be easier. The West Bengal Government, it is learnt, has decided to build a number of new villages with the amenities such as schools, dispensaries and seed stores for the settlement of those who have been displaced from East Bengal. It has, further, decided to offer to each family, further, cial aid for the construction of houses and for purchasing bullocks, seed and manure. The question of building up new villages, distributing available arable land and allotting financial aid should be considered by every Provincial Government in the light of its population of refugees-farmers and of its own resources. The productive energy of refugee-farmers should be directed towards the development of agriculture which is one of the urgent needs of the country and not towards the industries to which they would be strangers.

Loans To Industrialists

Industry will be the mainstay of those who are not farmers; but industrial organisation will be more complicated a task than agriculture. We are told that in the event of new townships to be established, the Government would consider it advisable to grant loans to industrialists on the condition that they should start industries in the new townships contemplated by the Provincial Governments. This is the right view point. Townships will be merely clusters of houses and will be in the danger of being deserted if the places of employment for displaced persons will not be within an approachable distance. They should also be open to the industrialists who may not be refugees but who would like to start their own concerns. It will be desirable to plan some townships as potential industrial centres, so that they might lead to the dispersal of industries and would, thereby, relieve, to some extent, the pressure on the existing centres. The Rajpura township which is to be located 15 miles from Ambala, is expected to be a well-planned, simple and yet dignified home for refugees. Every new township should likewise be planned, not as an emergency settlement, but as a modern town with all the necessary amenities, and then enough margin should be left for its possible expansion in the years to come. The location of industries is a point which should be decided upon with foresight and judgment. Educational, cultural and recreational amenities are essential to a modern town, and they should, therefore, be integrated in the design of every new township.

The OPEN AIR

The papaya, which is supposed to have been first introduced into India from Tropical America, is one of our most popular fruits. Not only is the ripe fruit deliciously refreshing when eaten as dessert, but the unripe fruit is often cooked and eaten as a vegetable, when it tastes rather like vegetable marrow. A little unripe papaya cooked with meat helps to make the toughest joint tender. Papaya trees grow readily from seed and bear their first flowers in about five or six months. The tree has a long, slender, scarred stem which bears at the summit a dense cluster of large, deeply segmented leaves. The male and female flowers, which are very different in appearance, grow on separate trees. The male, or staminate flowers, are small, with five twisted, creamy-yellow petals, and several flowers grow on the long, branched, drooping flower-stalks. Occasionally there are a few female flowers on the male tree, and sometimes, if a male tree is cut back, the new side shoots bear female flowers. The female tree bears its pistillate flowers in the axils of the leaves, and these are short-stalked and much larger than the male flowers. The five cream-coloured petals turn back to reveal the large pistil in the centre. As the flowers fade the fruits take their place and cluster closely among the leaves, tempting squirrels and crows to the tree as they ripen.

D. R.

KASHMIR TO BE REPRESENTED IN C. A.

Ruler To Nominate Members' Motion Passed

AMBEDKAR'S ARTICLE ON FEDERAL JUDICATURE ACCEPTED

NEW DELHI, May 27.

AN official motion in the Constituent Assembly today by Mr. Gopalswami Ayyangar calls upon the Maharaja of Kashmir to nominate all the four representatives of the state to the Assembly on the advice of his Prime Minister. The motion which seeks to amend the Constituent Assembly rules reads:

"Notwithstanding anything cont in the assembly allotted to the state nation and the representatives of the may be nominated by the Ruler of Minister," in the Assembly allotted to the state of Kashmir may be filled by nominate be chosen to fill such seats Kashmir on the advice of his Prime

Commending the motion to the House Mr. Ayyangar said that Kashmir had to be represented in the Assembly when the constitution of the country was being framed. Rules had been framed as to how this representation could be secured. Under such rules, he added, not less than half of the seats allotted to the states had to be filled by elected members of the legislature of the state concerned and the remainder by nomination by the ruler himself.

He added, "Kashmir acceded to the Dominion of India about the end of October 1947. But this representation has not materialised. Hon'ble members will remember that the conditions of Kashmir had been in fluid state all these months. The accession itself was asked for by the ruler of Kashmir which was supported by the largest political party in the state and the Governor-General accepted the accession

After tracing the events following accession Mr. Ayyangar continued:

Under the circumstances we have to choose a method, by which we let Kashmir's representatives participate in the Assembly, taking the present fact into consideration. The point I wish to urge is why when two members could only be nominated by the ruler we suggest that all the four persons should be nominated by the ruler on the advice of the Prime Minister."

Mr. Ayyangar explaining the point said, "The Prime Minister of Kashmir happens to be the leader of the largest political party in the state. Apart from that, we have got to remember that the Prime Minister and the government represent the largest political party wo i salso the Prime Minister only appropriate that the head of that party who is also the prime Minister should have the privilege of advising the Ruler to who should be proper representatives of Kashmir in the Constituent Assembly."

BEST COURSE

"Under the existing circumstances that is the best that can be done. We should introduce a certain amount of intimate relationship between this Assembly and the government and the people of Kashmir. Their representatives who will come here will take part in future proceedings of this House. As the Hon'ble members are aware, most of the articles relating to provinces and states are yet to come up for consideration. It is only right that Kashmir should have representatives to participate in the discussion to finalise those articles."

Referring to the amendments Mr. Ayyangar said that it had been suggested that instead of the word "Kashmir," the words "Jammu and Kashmir," should be substituted. Jammu and Kashmir, he admitted, no doubt described the state better. But the reason why in this particular motion he had used the word "Kashmir" was that the word had been used in all enactments, documents and rules.

Maulana Hasrat Mohani (U.P.) opposing the motion said that there was no necessity of sending any representative of Kashmir to this House at this stage unless the accession was completed. No doubt Kashmir had acceded to India. but that accession awaited the approval of its people. Moreover, the rulers of all other acceded-administration had been taken over in ed states had been pensioned off and many cases by the Government of India. Would this policy of the Government of India. be also applicable to the Maharaja of Kashmir? So long these questions remained undecided, the whole proposition of sending representatives of Kashmir to Constituent Assembly was "absurd".

Prof. K. T. Shah, the Bombay economist, moved an amendment seeking to change the name "Kashmir" in the motion into "Jammu and Kashmir". The amendment also asked that the seats allocated for the State should be filled only pending the holding of a plebiscite by the U.N.O. and without prejudice to the result, and that the seats should be filled by the Praja Sabha of the State instead of by nomination by the ruler on the advice of the Prime Minister.

"ACCESSION COMPLETE"

When Prof. K. T. Shah was dealing with the portion of his amendment referring to the holding of a plebiscite and said that the accession of the State was not complete, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya raised a point of order whether it could be discussed, as accession of the State was complete and unconditional.

Dr. Pattabhi was supported by Pandit Nehru, Mr. Balakrishna Sharma and other members. Dr. Rajendra Prasad agreed with the objection raised by members and said that the motion was concerned with the representation of the State in the Assembly and the method for it. He added that Prof. Shah's point was irrelevant and ruled out of order the part in Prof. Shah's amendment referring to the plebiscite.

On the question of method of filling the seats allotted for Kashmir, Prof. Shah said that half the seats allocated for other states were filled by elected representatives of the states and half only by nomination. He asked why a departure should be made in the case of Kashmir alone As a matter of fact, in view of the extraordinary situation in that state he wanted all the four members fom Kashmir to be elected. It was not proper to leave the matter of sending representatives to the judgment of one man.

When Prof. Shah said that India had spent a hundred crores of rupees in Kashmir and that many Indian lives had been lost there, Pandit Nehru raised the objection that those remarks were irrelevant. The President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, asked Prof. Shah to confine himself to the subject of his amendment.

Mr. H. V. Kamath (C.P.) said that the step that the House was taking in providing for representatives of Kashmir State to sit in the Constituent Assembly could not be over-estimated.

Maulana Hasrat Mohani (UP) said that he did not see any necessity of sending Kashmiri representatives to the Constituent Assembly at this stage.

PRAJA SABHA ELECTION FARCICAL

Nehru's Reply To Shah

The Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, intervening in the debate, said that he had vast admiration for the erudition and learning of Prof. Shah but he had followed with some surprise not only what Prof. Shah said today but what he had said and done in regard to Kashmir for a number of years. Speaking not as the Prime Minister but as a Kashmiri and as an Indian who had been connected with the fight for freedom in Kashmir, Pandit Nehru said, "it has amazed to hear Prof. Shah propose that the so-called Praja Sabha of Kashmir should send representatives to this House. If Prof. Shah knows anything about Kashmir, he should know that there is nothing more bogus than this Praja Sabha in Kashmir. He ought to know that the whole circumstances of its last election were fantastic and farcial.

"The type of people who went in were the type who had opposed the freedom movement throughout who had done every injury possible to the idea of the freedom of Kashmir till then. And subsequently, when Kashmir became much freer than it ever was and got this new status, some of them sought refuge in Pakistan.

Prof. Shah ought to know that it is a monstrous proposition to suggest that this Praja Sabha should send members to thos House."

Pandit Nehru agreed that the method recommended in the motion was not a hundred per cent correct one but asked what better method could anyone suggest.

Pandit Nehri suggested that in order to avoid confusion in peoples minds, after the words "Kashmir State" the words "otherwise known as the State of Jammu and Kashmir" might be added in brackets.

Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyanger, replying to the debate, said that the accession of Kashmir was perfectly correct. "I have a copy of that document before me. The accession is complete. No doubt we have offered to have a plebiscite taken when the conditions are created for the holding of a proper, fair and impartial plebiscite. But that plebiscite is merely for the purpose of giving the people of the State the opportunity of expressing their will.

The Government of India's commitment, Mr. Ayyangar said, was simply that if the verdict of the plebiscite was against India, then India would not stand in the way of the wishes of the people of Kashmir being given effect to.

Pointing out that this was the first meeting of the Constituent Assembly in its constitution-making capacity since "cease fire" suspended operations and things began to settle down, Mr. Ayyangar said, "I do not think that we can be convicted of delay in bringing this proposition forward at this meeting".

Mr. Ayyangar accepted Pt. Nehru's suggestion that the words "otherwise known as the State of Jammu and Kashmir" be inserted within brackets after the words "the State of Kashmir" and moved an amendment to that effect.

Prof. Shah's amendment was rejected.

The House adopted Mr. Ayyangar's motion and his amendment adding the words "otherwise known as the State of Jammu and Kashmir" after "the State of Kashmir".

FEDERAL JUDICATURE

Resuming consideration of the articles of the draft constitution regarding Federal Judicature, the House passed a number of articles without discussion. The article relating to the salaries and allowances of the Judges was held over. The subsequent articles 105, 106, and 107 on the appointment of Acting Chief Justice, the appointment of Ad Hoc Judges and attendance of retired Judges at sittings of the Supreme Court were adopted with minor verbal amendments.

The question of the seat of the Supreme Court evoked some discussion when the House took up article 108.

Mr. Kamath moved an amendment suggesting that "the Supreme Court shall sit at such place or places as the Chief Justice may with the approval of the President from time to time appoint".

Dr. Ambedkar moved an amendment substituting two new articles in the place of the original article. They read "The Supreme Court shall be a court of record and shall have all the powers of such a court including the power to punish for contempt of itself".

"The Supreme Court shall sit in Delhi or at such other place or places as the Chief Justice of India may with the approval of the President from time to time appoint".

Mr. Jaspatral Kapoor moved an amendment stating that the Supreme Court might sit in Delhi and or at any other place.

The House held over consideration of six articles from 109 to 114 concerning the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court because many of the provisions referred to reservations in regard to the States.

Four articles from 115 to 118 were adopted.

When article 122 relating to salaries and pensions of officers and servants of the Supreme Court was taken up for consideration, Dr. Ambedkar moved an amendment for the substitution of the article by a new one.

Dr. Ambedkar explained that the object of the new article was to make better provision for the independence of the Supreme Court and to make provision about their expenses being a charge on the revenues of India.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari (Madras) said that he supported Dr. Ambedkar's amendment.

INDEPENDENCE OF JUDICIARY

Munshi Discredits Fears

Mr. K. M. Munshi (Bombay) supported Dr. Ambedkar's amendment Mr. Munshi said that though the constitution had not accepted the doctrine of separation of powers, it had seen to it that the independence of the judiciary was maintained to the utmost extent. Any fear therefore that the independence of the judiciary would not be maintained was an unfounded one.

Mr. Alladi Krishnaswami Iyer, commending the amendment to the acceptance of the House, said that unless the judiciary had sufficient control over its own employees, its independence would become loose.

Mr. Anantasayanam Ayyangar said he did not see the wisdom of the amendment, An attempt had been made to bring this article in line with that in the Government of India Act. The effect of the amendment would be to give the President autonomous powers.

Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava (East Punjab) opposing Dr. Ambedkar's amendment said it was not right to play with the powers of the Chief Justice, whose integrity should not be doubted. If the executive was allowed to interfere with the powers of the judiciary, its powers would be restricted.

Mr. Krishna Chandra Sharma (U.P.) said that as Mr. Jaspat Roy had pointed out, the question of independence or dignity of the Chief Justice did not arise in connection with the fixing of salaries. The President would know much better about the finances of the country than the Chief Justice and hence his approval was necessary.

DR. AMBEDKAR'S REPLY

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, replying to the debate, said there was no doubt that the House in general was agreed that the independence of the judiciary from the Executive should be made as clear and as definite as could be made by law. At the same time, there was the fear that in the name of independence of the judiciary, they might be creating an "imperium in imperio" (a Government within a Government). The article he had proposed steered a middle course. It refused to create an "imperium in imperio" and at the same time gave the judiciary as much independence as was necessary for the purpose of administering justice without fear or favour of the executive.

Dr. Ambedkar's article as amended by him was accepted and the **House adjourned till Monday.**

INDIA MUST EXPORT OR PERISH

Loans From International Bank Have To Be Paid Back In Dollars

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI May 27.

Export or perish—that is the grim spectacle that India faces today. Students of the situation say that there are four snags which even now stand in the way of India's getting out of the quagmire.

Firstly, there is lack of co-operation between the Ministries of Commerce and Industry and Agriculture, both of which offer maximum obstruction to exports, in addition to their policy of intensified imports.

Secondly, the high cost of production of Indian goods plus export duties have proved a deterrent to boosted exports.

Thirdly, the unreliability of the quality of Indian goods is tending to oust India from some of her best markets.

Fourthly, inflation in the country makes the Government extremely nervous with regard to undertaking an export drive seriously.

The Indian business community appears to be impervious to the gravity of the situation, which is daily becoming more difficult. It is not generally realised that India, by drawing on the sterling balances, has been actually eating into her capital. What is going to happen when the balances are exhausted is a matter for serious consideration.

UNDUE JUBILATION

Accommodations by the International Monetary Fund are at best of a temporary nature and drawings from it have to be paid in dollars. Amid the jubilation of the Ministries of Agriculture and Works, Mines and Power over prospects of loans from the International Bank and the Export-Import Bank, one basic fact is ignored, namely, that loans with interest shall all have to be paid back in dollars. In this connection, the Commerce Ministry is constituting a committee to enquire into the entire problem.

The Government may have to reduce or abolish some of the export duties even during the current year.

FOR STERLING TALKS

The Government of India's delegation for talks on the sterling balances is leaving on June 2 for London. They will be followed by Dr. John Matthai (Finance Minister), Sir Chintaman Deshmukh and Sir Benegal Rama Rau who will be leaving on June 16. The delegation is expected to urge inter alia for a revision of the agreement with a view to increasing the moiety from the balances, in addition to releases to cover the already overdrawn amount.

The question of convertibility of sterling releases will also be discussed in London. Mr. Keith Roy who is a member of the delegation will after the London talks proceed to New York to discuss the issue of loans from the World Bank.

Bank Hold-Up Sequel

POLICE ARREST 2 REFUGEE DACOITS

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, May 27.

Sensational details are now forthcoming in regard to yesterday's vain attempt to loot the Central Bank in the heart of the city.

It is learnt that a regular duel was fought between two dacoits and three constables in which two policemen were hurt by bullets while the other, though seriously injured, snatched the revolver of one of the dacoits and shot him, thus making the latter's arrest possible. It is further learnt that all the three dacoits are refugees from Karachi.

It is now understood that these persons are members of a regular gang which is reported to have committed several hold-ups involving more than a lakh and half rupees. The police are on the look out for the third person who escaped yesterday. It is learnt that they are making searches of refugee camps at Ahmedabad and many more arrests are likely.

ELECTRICITY DRIVES OUT GHOSTS!

CUTTACK, May 27 (API): The House of the Orissa Premier, Mr. Harekrishna Mahatab, in Bhubaneswar, the new capital of the province, is a haunted place, according to a local belief.

Mr. Mahatab told pressmen that he was not at all surprised at the idea. Until a couple of years ago, people used to consider the Quilla area of Cuttack (where the Premier's official residence is now situated), a forbidden area because of the belief that it was infested with ghosts.

Mr. Mahatab explained that after he took up his residence in the Quilla area, he got the area electrified. He was glad to find that the belief that it was a haunted area was now no longer prevalent. No doubt he said, a similar change would come over the Bhubaneswar House after he had taken up his residence there.

Mahomed Usman Supports C. A. Decision

MADRAS, May 27 (API): Sir Mahomed Usman, formerly member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, today welcomed the Constituent Assembly's decision to abolish reservation of seats for minorities.

In an interview he said: "The step is sure to promote real communal harmony in India which is absolutely essential in the best interests of the country. There is no place for communal political parties in the country.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

MAHABALESHWAR, May 25.

The Governor of Bombay received the Hon. Shri Morarji R. Desai.

MAHABLESHWAR, May 26.

The Governor of Bombay received Shri M. K. Shirole and Shri A. B Phadke.

Rani Maharaj Singh visited the "Madhu Kosh" Apiaries where she was received by Dr. S. A. Hakim.

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GEN. CARIAPPA

SIMLA, May 27 (API)—General K. M. Cariappa, C-in-C., Indian Army, arrived here from Delhi today on his first visit after appointment as Commander-in-Chief. During his stay nere he will be the guest of the East Punjab Governor.

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MR. V. L. MEHTA

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, Co-operation and Village Industries, will leave for Lonavla tomorow morning and return to Bombay in the evening. The Minister will perform the opening ceremony of a Hospital building at Ambegaon (Lohagad) near Lonavla.

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MR. V. P. MENON

CUTTACK, May 27 (API)—Mr. V. P. Menon, Adviser to States Ministry will arrive in Puri on May 29 on a four-day visit to the town. During his stay there it is learnt Mr. Menon will have discussions with the Provincial Government and rulers of Orissa States, on the question of private properties of Orissa States rulers.

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MR. S. K. PATIL

WASHINGTON, May 27 (UPA)—Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, will arrive in Washington on Sunday on his tour of American cities.

State Department officials have arranged an itinerary which will take Mr. Patil through major east coast, mid-stream and west coast cities during his four-week stay in this country.

Mr. Patil, who is at present in New York, will leave that city on Saturday for Philadephia where he will visit the Mayor. On Sunday he will call on the Mayor of Baltimore, coming to Washington on Sunday evening.

He is expected to visit Boulder Dam, San rancisco and Los Angeles before leaving San Francisco by plane on June 20 to return to India. Officials said his itinerary may be altered in some details after they had had a chance to confer with him.

INDIA'S INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

U. S. Official's Praise

WASHINGTON, May 27. (UPA): Stanley G. Hoar, Assistant Loan Director of the World Bank, praised India's industrial and agricultural progress under the present Government and predicted that within 10 years many of its most pressing problems should be well on the easy way to solution.

In a United Press of America interview Hoar reviewed India's economic situation and indicated that in addition to World Bank loans for locomotive purchases and other purchases, credit may later be granted for a wide-scale programme to eradicate the "kans grass" menace which, he said, has put about 4,000,000 acres of Indian land out of commission agriculturally.

It was learned from other sources that the Bank may consider financing India's procurement of such tractors in the United States. He said locomotives probably will be the first Indian purchase if a Bank loan is approved. India already has 1,100 of these on order in the United States, Canada and Britain. The Bank may finance those bought in the United States and Canada.

He said the Indian railway system was "extremely good" but of 7,000 locomotives about 2,000 are over 40 years old.

ANGLO-PAKISTAN STERLING TALKS

LONDON, May 27 (PTI-Reuter): Preliminary discussions on next week's Anglo-Pakistan talks on trade development and sterling balances between Pakistan and British finance officials began here today.

Mr. M. Hassan, Joint Secretary of Pakistan Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Mohammed Ismail, of Pakistan Ministry of Economic Affairs, today had talks with their counter-parts in the British Treasury and Board of Trade.

AMBALA, May 27, (A.P.I.): Fourteen out of 15 tenants of Neoli village who were arrested on May 20, for taking part in an agitation against ejectment of tenants from the village were today convicted by a Hissar Magistrate and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment each and a fine of Rs. 200. The fifteenth persons, who is blind, **was left off with a warning.**

Only Antidote To A-Bomb

NEW YORK, May 27. (PTI-Reuter): The only effective antidote to the atom bomb is the spiritual power that can be created by the Gandhian principles of truth and non-violence", said Prof. S. N Agarwal speaking at International House here today on Sarvodaya Samaj.

This wwas the main address to be delivered in New York by Prof. Agarwal who, as the Foreign Secretary of the Samaj, is on a world tour to popularise the ideals of Gandhian fellowship, Cables D. P. Wagle, PTI Correspondent in New York.

SINGAPORE, May 27 (PTI-Reuter): The number of Indians who left Malaya last year was nearly 8,000 more than the number of Indians who arrived there, official statistics disclosed here.

MAMMOTH TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT KURLA

NEW DELHI, May 27 (API): The Government of India have decided to establish four higher technical institutions—the biggest of Government schemes for the development of technical education in India—in northern, Western, southern and eastern parts of the country.

The four institutions, each of which has been planned to have 3,000 students at a time, are estimated to cost Rs. 12 crores non-recurring and about Rs. 5 crores recurring annually.

The western and eastern institutions, sites for which have already been acquired, will be set up within the next three years, at Kurla (Bombay), and at Hijli, (District Kharagpur, West Bengal) respectively.

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REVISED RATION QUANTUM

For some time now, sales of rationed foodgrains are being made by weights instead by measures at all the Government Grain Shops. It has been now decided to extend the system to all the ration shops (excluding Factory Shops) immediately. ACCORDINGLY FROM THE 22ND RATIONING WEEK, i.e., FROM SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1949, FOODGRAINS RATIONS WILL BE ISSUED BY WEIGHTS INSTEAD BY MEASURES AT ALL THE RATION SHOPS (EXCLUDING FACTORY SHOPS) IN THE BOMBAY RATIONED AREA (GREATER BOMBAY AND THE 47 VILLAGES INCLUDED IN THE BOMBAY RATIONED AREA).

The ration quantum fixed for the 22nd Rationing Week commencing from Sunday, May 29, 1949, is given below, along with the ounce equivalents of the maximum proportions of foodgrains fixed in terms of seers of cut-measures.

The actual prices will be charged according to the price tables, put up at the ration shops for ready reference of the cardholders.

(PLEASE NOTE: 16 ozs. make one lb.)

Total Cereal Ration Per Week	Per Adult (2 Foodgrains Units)	Per Child (1 Foodgrains Units)	Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit.
	Seer Ounce	Seer Ounce	Seer Ounce
Total Cereal Ration Per Week ..	3.1/8 = 84	1.9/16 = 42	1 = 28
Maximum available in—			
(a) Rise Sort 1-A or (b) Raw Rice Sort II or (c) Rice Sort 1-C (IF AVAILABLE)	3/4 = 20	3/8 = 10	1/9 = 8
Maximum available in Wheatgrain* ..	1.3/4 = 48	7/8 = 24	1/2 = 12
Maximum available in Dehusked Barley	5/8 = 16	5/16 = 8	1/4 = 8
Maximum available in Milo (IF AVAILABLE) ..	5/8 = 16	5/16 = 8	1/4 = 8

* One seer of wheat ration is equivalent to 28 ozs. of wheatgrain, which is equivalent to one unit of Bread and one unit of Bread is equivalent to 28 ozs. of Bread.

Bread Tickets can be obtained within the permissible quantity of wheat ration at the rate of one Bread Unit for 28 ozs. of wheat ration

Bread is only available on Bread Tickets during the week marked on the tickets and upto Saturday of the following week

The concession of allowing a Bread Ticket of one unit on a Child's ration card against surrender of the entire ration will continue.

Stop Press

VYSHINSKY CALLS FOR AMENDMENTS

PARIS, May 27 (UPA): Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky, still sparring with his Council of Foreign Ministers colleagues, today invited three Western powers to suggest amendments to his plan for returning to the old four-power rule and control of Germany.

PAKISTAN'S REPLY TO TRUCE PROPOSALS

KARACHI, May 27 (PTI-Reuter):—Pakistan's reply to the United Nations Kashmir Commission's latest truce proposals will be delivered on Monday next, according to informed sources here. The future moves of the Commission will depend on the nature of the replies submitted by India and Pakistan.

COMMONWEALTH AID TALKS

RANGOON, May 27 (PTI-Reuter):—Commonwealth aid talks which have been going on here for a fortnight are expected to enter a "definite" stage shortly when Burma states its precise military requirements to the Council of Ambassadors of Britain, India and Pakistan.

PURCHURE'S CONFESSION FREE FROM INDUCEMENT'

Prosecution Counsel's Reply To Allegations

SPECIAL JUDGE'S REMARKS ON POLICE 'UNWARRANTED'

SIMLA, May 27 (A.P.I.).

MR. C. K. DAPHTARY, Chief Prosecution Counsel in the Gandhi Murder Case, submitted today before the Full Bench of the East Punjab High Court that the cross examination of Mr. Atal, Gwalior Magistrate was inconsistent with the defence theory that Dr. Parchure was made to sign a written statement.

Mr. Daphtary who was arguing for the fourth day today in the hearing of the appeal filed by Nathuram Godse and six others, was referring to the alleged confession of Dr. Parchure.

Mr. Justice Achhru Ram: Why was not the confession recorded in the court?

Mr. Daphtary: My Lord, it was anticipated that if Dr. Parchure, who was the President of the Hindu Mahasabha, Gwalior, was brought to the court, there might be some demonstration.

Mr. Justice Achhru Ram: But Dr. Parchure was taken out of the fort on two or three occasions.

Mr. Daphtary: That was only for a short time, My Lord.

Mr. Daphtary then submitted that in order to assess if any confession was admissible they had to find out whether there was any inducement, threat or promise. Dr. Parchure in his application retracing his confession did not mention any kind of inducement.

Mr. Justice Khosla: His state of mind might have been reduced by threats.

Mr. Daphtary: No, My Lord. There was no proof of any such threat.

BURDEN OF PROVING CASE

Mr. Daphtary contended that the onus of proving allegations made by an accused person while retracing his confession lay on the accused. Although it was not always possible to prove what he alleged but it was possible for the accused to put a series of facts from which Their Lordships could be induced to give a verdict that the confession was not a voluntary one.

Dr. Parchure was not an ignorant man but he was a leader. How could a person with the quality of leadership be induced to give a statement?, Mr. Daphtary asked.

Mr. Justice Bhandari: That is not always the case. One could imagine the condition of a man whose relatives were put in jail.

Mr. Daphtary replied that no suggestion had been made by the defence that Dr. Parchure was given a promise that his relatives would be released if he made a statement according to the wishes of the police.

A confession was inadmissible only if any inducement, threat or promise was given. But in this case no suggestion had been made by the defence that Dr. Parchure was either induced, threatened or given any promise. On the face of it, it was a plain statement of facts.

Mr. Justice Achhru Ram: Major would listen to him?

Mr. Daphtary: My Lord, he could have complained to Major Chattery, as the military had the complete control in the fort.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: Major Chattery might not be visiting him.

Mr. Daphtary said that there was no indication in Dr. Parchure's application that certain police officials had misbehaved. Had he done so he would have called the said police officials in the witness box. Hence those were merely allegations without any proof.

DOUBTS ON RETRACTION

Mr. Daphtary said that from his arguments he had shown that the theory that a ready-written confession was given to Dr. Parchure was to be eliminated. There was an index that the state of mind of Dr. Parchure when he signed the confession was not of that degree which could have induced him to sign the confession. The lateness of the retraction had cast doubt on the retraction.

Mr. Daphtary then read out the alleged confession of Dr. Parchure and argued that the confession had been framed in a natural way. Had it been concocted it would have mentioned the names of the corroborating witnesses. The absence of the corroborating witnes es from the confession clearly showed that it was merely a statement of facts.

Mr. Justics Bhandari: Is it not probable that the corroborating evidence was an after-thought?

Mr. Justice Bhandari: Is it not pro the corroborating witnesses, Kale, was examined by the police on February 15 —three days before the confession was recorded.

APTE'S 'ALIBI'

Mr. Daphtary then dealt with the 'alibi' of Apte and Karkare and said that in support of their 'alibi' they had relied on some suburban railway tickets of January 31 recovered from their person at the time of their arrest on February 14. Those tickets, according to evidence on record, had been actually collected by the booking clerk. The keeping of those tickets for 14 days with them was to creatre evidence of their presence in Bombay.

According to Apte, he met Mr. Jamnadas Mehta on January 31. If that was the case, Apte should have produced Mr. Jamnadas Mehta in the witness box to testify Apte's presence in Bombay on January 31.

Mr. Daphtary then dealt with the point raised by Mr. Justice Khosla whether a conspirator could dissociate himself at any stage of the conspiracy.

Mr. Daphtary said that the moment an overt act occurred and it was held that the overt act was in consequence of the conspiracy then a man who was in the conspiracy was liable to the subsequent acts. Dissociation from the conspiracy could only be something which amounted to conveying to the mind of the other members of the conspiracy that the dissociating member had disapproved the plan, objected to it and had asked others not to do the overt act.

REMARKS ON POLICE

Referring to the remarks made by the Special Judge in his judgment that, had the slightest keenness been shown in the investigation of the case between January 20 and 30 the tragedy could probably have been averted, Mr. Daphtary said that it was "unwarranted by facts". The Judge, he said, should have asked him—he was arguing the case for days—and the would have given an explanation. Those remarks meont that it was possible for the police to arrest Nathuram Godse and that they did not do it. Between January 20 and 30 Nathuram Godse had travelled from place to place under an assumed name. Those remarks also meant that there was positive evidence to show that certain specific things should have been done by the police but they were not done and, in consequence, the tragedy occurred. The facts of the case did not warrant such a remark and Mr. Daphtary requested Their Lordships to bear that fact in mind and express their opinion there on.

Mr. Daphtary had not concluded his arguments when the court adjourned till Monday.

Women's University For Bihar

PATNA, Plan s for a women's University in Bihar at a cost of Rs. 3 lakhs were being drawn up by a non-official body and public support was being enlisted for the institution, according to a pamphlet distributed by the sponsors of the Bihar Balika Vidyapith, says the staff reporter of the 'Indian Nation'.

The aims and objects are, it is stated, to open careers for women of the province in which they will not be mere subordinates of men but equal partners in a free country and a free nation.

The Bihar Balika Vidyapith is to be modelled after some well-known institutions specialising in women's education, namely, Mahatma Gandhi's Mahila Ashram at Wardha, Tagores' Shantiniketan, Professor Karve's Women's University at Poona, and the Vansthali Vidyapith at Jaipur

Some fifty acres of land, it is said, have already been secured near Kiul in Monghyr district on the banks of a river. The sponsors of the institution, it is claimed, have been assured of official co-operation and help when their plans mature

SMUGGLING CLOTH TO PAKISTAN BY AIR

10 Suspects Arrested In Kanpur

KANPUR, May 26. (A. P. I.): Eight partners and two accountants of five cloth firms of Kanpur have been arrested by the provincial enforcement police in connection with the alleged smuggling of cloth to Pakistan by air.

R. S. S. SATYAGRAHA H. Q. IN NAGPUR?

NAGPUR, May 26. (A. P. I.): The Nagpur police have seized several documents purporting to give "an insight into the secret working of the R. S. S. organisation", it is stated here.

A police official said that these documents showed that a house in Nagpur was bting used to guide and conduct the recent R. S. S. satyagraha. The police raided the house and arrested Mr. P. V. Joshi and his two brothers who were later ordered to be detaintd for one month by the District Magistrate.

MADRAS FLYING CLUB TO BE TAKEN BY GOVT.

MADRAS, May 26. (API): Madras Government will shortly assume control over the local Flying Club as also other flying clubs that may be started in the province.

Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Public Works, who met India's Communications Minister in Delhi recently, said today that the Central Government would grant a subsidy to the Government for under-taking to run the activities of the Flying Club.

COMMUNISTS IN A NEW ROLE

Strike Breaking In Berlin

LONDON, By Air.

The "Daily Herald", commenting on the Communists' attitude to the railwaymen's strike in West Berlin, says: "It is said of Communists everywhere that they are the champion of workers's rights. In particular they uphold, when it suits their political game to do so, the right to strike. Nothing, of course, is heard in Soviet Russia of the right to strike. But Communists in countries outside Russia are fervent advocates of the strike weapon and they try hardest to incite strikes whether justified or not."

The "Daily Herald" considers that there is the strongest justification for the present Berlin strike. "Eighteen thousand West Berlin railwaymen are employed by the Russian-controlled railway administration. In the area where they live the 'Westmark' is the only legal currency. But the Russians pay them in 'Eastmarks' which means that the railwaymen's pay-packet is worth a quarter of what it should be. These men are drawings, because of th Russian authorities' attitude, the equivalent of £1 a week—on which obviously they cannot exist. Through their trade union leaders they have sought mediation with the Russian railway directorate. Their efforts have been in vain, so they have gone on strike.

"What has been the reaction of German Communists in Eastern Berlin and the Russian Zone? Have they sided with the workers? Have they shown the faintest sympathy with the plight of the railwaymen and their families? Far from it. On the contrary, members of the Communist 'Trade Union Federation' have tried to keep trains going in order to help their Russian bosses against German railwaymen. The Communist 'People's Police' from the Soviet Zone, armed with carbines and automatic pistols, have occupied railway stations."

The paper concludes: "In short the Communists have obediently leaped into the role they always pretend to despise and detest—that of strike-breakers, and armed strike-breakers at that. Here is a lesson in Communist treachery which we hope will be noted by workers throughout the world."

SECURITY AGAINST COMMUNISM

Construct A Strong Food Front, Says Boyd Orr

OTTAWA, May 26 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Lord Boyd Orr, former Director General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, suggested here today the construction of a strong world food organisation to halt the spread of communism.

Speaking at a luncheon given by the Canadian Government and attended by delegates to the forthcoming conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, Lord Boyd Orr said that if there was no bolder action on behalf of farmers security and on behalf of the hungry there would be no halt to the communism.

He termed the Communist victory in China "a revolt against poverty".

Lord Boyd Orr said a firm international policy must be established along the following lines:

International stabilisation of farm prices; assurances that farmer's markets do not suddenly burst;

Maintenance of vast stores of food in reserve in case of famine anywhere in the world:

Lord Bayd Orr was presented by the I.F.A.P. with a gold medal for what the I.F.A.P. President, Sir James Turner, of London, called his "tremendous service to mankind". He described Lord Boyd Orr as "the true prophet of peace".

Combat Communism With "Food And Freedom"

NEW YORK, May 25. (UPA)—Author and political anlyst Louis Fischer today urged the United States to combat the spread of Communism in Asia with "freedom and food for the people and not with arms for reactionary militarists.

He told a Liberal Party meeting that "in the interest of economic stability of Europe, of our own morality and of democratic future of Asia, we must insist that Holland abandon Indonesia and the French leave Indo-China. We have the power to do this. We should do it soon and then we could, with better grace, talk about restraining Communism elsewhere in Asia. Today we and Europe are working for the Communists of Asia".

Fischer contended that Europe, "for the present, is more fateful part" of the Eurasian continent, but he cautioned: "Neverthless, we must realize that events in Asia may determine the future of mankind".

He said key areas of Asia that "may soon be teetering on the edge of a Red abyss" can still be saved from Communism if the United States quickly adopts a vigorous policy of anti-imperialism toward that part of the world.

2 Nepali Congressmen Arrested

CALCUTTA, May 26. (U. P. I.): According to a telegram received at the Office of the Nepali National Congress at Calcutta, Dr. Satya Bahadur Joshi of Sarlahi District in Nepal has been arrested.

Another telegram says that Sri Ramakanta Jha, a prominent member of Mohakotari District Nepali National Congress, was arrested on May 12, last.

DR. ELWIN RESIGNS GOVERNMENT JOB

JUBBULPORE, May 26.
(From Our Own Correspondent)

Dr. Verrier Elwin, renowned Anthropologist and the founder of the Bhumijan Seva Mandal, an organisation started by him and his trusted colleague Shri Shyamrao Hivole at Patangarh, in the Mandla district, to serve the Gonds (aborigines) and to work among them with the object of educating them has left for England to recoup his health. He is expected to stay there for six months.

Dr. Elwin, who has written a number of books on the problems of aborigines, had joined Government service and he was appointed the Deputy Director-General of the Anthropological Survey of India by the Government of India. Prior to his sailing for England, Dr. Elwin resigned from his office and decided to devote all his energies and time to the cause which had been so dear and near to his heart.

Appeal By Ex-Premier Illahi Bux

(From Our Correspondent)
KARACHI, May 26.

Pir Illahi Bux ex-Premier of Sind who has been debarred from being even a voter of the Sind Legislative Assembly for a period of six years on the charge of obtaining false votes for Mr. G. M. Sayed's opponent Kazi Mohomed Akbar during the last assembly elections, has now preferred an appeal before the Chief Court of Sind against such as order of the Sind Governor.

Main contention of Pir Saheb in his appeal is that one of the Judges of the Election Tribunal which recommended action against him was appointed illegally.

ARMS WORKSHOP FOUND IN KARACHI

(From Our Correspondent)
KARACHI, May 26.

Local C.I.D. Police have been able to unearth a miniature arms workshop in the house of one Abdul Sattar, a Punjabi refugee, residing on Britto Road.

Besides implements, police were able to recover a good quantity of knives, daggers, swords, etc. from the place. Owner of the house Abdul Sattar was taken into custody and the police are now making further investigations in the matter.

THOUSAND JEEPS FOR PAKISTAN

(From Our Correspondent)
KARACHI, May 26.

The Government of Pakistan, it is learnt, have ordered out 1,000 jeeps from America.

Orders in this connection have been placed with a local firm who are soon sending an expert to the States for effecting deliveries and arranging their early transport to Pakistan.

DEVASTATING FIRE IN CALCUTTA

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT SOME CRORES OF RUPEES

CITY'S PRINCIPAL TIMBER CENTRE BURNT DOWN

CALCUTTA, May 27, (A.P.I.):

DAMAGE estimated at some crores of rupees was caused last night by a huge fire—one of the most devastating in Calcutta's recent history which burnt down the city's principal timber trade centre, in the Nimtolla Ghat area of North Calcutta.

No casualties have been reported so far, except a fireman being injured. Some hundreds of people were rendered homeless.

The fire, which broke out at about 10 last night, had been partially brought under control by 2-30 in the morning, after it had raged for four and a half hours. The fire brigades were however, still at work this morning mopping up small fires in the area.

Twenty-six fires engines, manned by as many officers and about 200 firemen, representing almost the entire effective force of the Fire Brigade, was rushed from all parts of the city to fight the flames at night. The latest equipment, including the recently acquired hundred feet turntable ladder and 26 tailor pumps, was brought into act.

The fire float service of the Calcutta Port Commissioners was also requisitioned, as the site of the conflagration adjoined the Hooghly. Powerful pumps operating eight lines hose-piped water from the river to the fire. Twelve water units of the fire brigade were brought into operation, and the 50,000-gallon water reservoir of the brigade was kept in the Jorabagon square area to maintain supply.

About 50 godowns stocking supplies of dry timber and three to four hundred wooden and tin structures, packed in a two-acre area, were licked up by the flames.

AREA INVOLVED

The area involved was bounded on the north by Nimtolla Ghat Street, east by Ram Sett Lane, south by Jorabagon Street, and west, by Maharishi Devendra Road. According to some persons, the fire started in a corner of the area, and fire engines from the adjacent Chitpore Station were soon on the spot. But fed by a strong wind, the conflagration spread rapidly feeding on the dry timber and leaping from godown to godown. The flames lit up the horizon in a red glow which could be seen from several miles away.

Not many people in the area, which housed a few thousands of people, had retired to sleep when the fire started. This probably accounted for the absence of any serious casualties. The population of the locality streamed out of their residences, carrying on their shoulders whatever they could of their belongings and clutching children by the hand. When members of the family had been rushed to safety, some managed to load their belongings on to hand carts or shift them in head loads to safer places. Hundreds of displaced men, women and children found shelter in the compound of the Lorabagon police station. Fire Brigade men rescued a number of people from houses threatened or partially involved in the fire.

A large crowd of sightseers on the fringes of the affected area considerably hampered the fire-fighters. Owners of timber godowns and other structures trying to save their property left logs and other materials littering the road. These jammed fire hydrants and hoses, and interfered with the water supply.

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ORISSA NEWSLETTER:

Vigorous Election Work In Orissa

PREMIER MAHATAB BUSY ADDRESSING MEETINGS

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

CUTTACK (By Mail):

DIFFERENT political parties are now at work in right earnest to create favourable conditions for themselves to fight the forthcoming general elections. The Congress Minister the Socialist workers and the Communist agitators as also the followers of the Utkal Sammilani, Khandayat Kshatriya Mahasabha and the Kosholotkal Praja Parishad are all busy in their own way to organise their following from now on to capture votes.

The Ministers, particularly the Prime Minister, is often found to be on tour of the districts and the States these days and the Socialists are holding their conferences. The Communists, though not much on the surface are reported to be equally active underground and they created quite a sensation last week when they resorted to a hunger-strike in Cuttack jail as a mark of protest against the attitude of the Provincial Government towards their demands for better treatment, which of course was given up ultimately.

The Provincial Government referring to the hunger-strike have announced in a press note that the amenities given to the political prisoners in the past have been increased, although the meaning of a 'political prisoner' has undergone a change from what it actually was during the period of foreign rule.

Socialists Consolidate

The Socialists who appear to have consolidated their position of late in certain parts of the Province recently held their annual conference in Salipur in Cuttack district under the presidentship of Mr. Baswan Singh of Bihar and Shri Ramnandan Misra inaugurated the conference.

The conference, among other resolutions, adopted one condemning the Orissa Government's dilatory actions regarding the abolition of Zamindary system and their attitude towards the former rulers of Orissa States. The conference strongly criticised the administration of the Orissa States for having no popular non-official co-operation behind it. The Socialists have also condemned the decision of the Prime Minister of India to keep India within the Commonwealth of nations.

Following the surrender order on the eight prominent underground Communists of Orissa one of whom Kisan leader, Sadhucharan Mahanty has since been arrested in Ganjam, the Provincial Government demanded a security of Rs. 3,000 from the Communist bi-weekly the "Sandhan" which as a mark of protest against the order suspended its publication. A lecturer of the Utkal Christian College has also been arrested for Communistic activities. Reports from several places show that some Communists have escaped from the hands of the policemen who arrested them.

The followers of the Utkal Sammilani, the Khandayat Kshatriya Mahasabha and the Kosholotkal Praja Parishad are also moving fast in forming an united front to oppose the Congress in the forthcoming elections.

District Board Elections

While such brisk activities are noticed in the political arena of Orissa the results in the recent District Board elections in Koraput which took place for the first time in that district, which was a predominently zamindary area come as a heartening piece of news. Congressmen have captured a large majority in the Board winning some seats without even a contest. Two by-elections also took place in Ganjam and Cuttack Districts for the District Board which resulted in a victory for the Congress candidates.

The resignation of the veteran Congressman and State people's leader Shri Sarangadhara Das from the Orissa Assembly and the Congress, however, was received here with mixed feelings of surprise and sorrow by those who knew Shri Das's past services and sacrifices for the people's cause. Whatever may be the story behind his decision to resign, it goes without saying that his resignation has caused a great loss to the organisation which he so ably and sincerely served since 1937.

Orissa Premier Mahatab, was the busiest among his colleagues in the Cabinet last week. In a non-stop tour of the States and districts he returned to the capital last week to address the employees of the Orissa Secretariat at their annual conference.

Addressing the conference he pointed out the utter lack of discipline and sense of responsibility among the Government servants these days. Referring to the withdrawal of recognition from the Orissa Ministerial Officers' Federation which has created a lot of misunderstanding among the members of the Federation and the Provincial Government, Premier Mahatab said that the above decision had been taken as a matter of high policy on the Federation's accepting a resolution against the decision of the Central Government to transfer the States of Saraikella and Kharswan to Bihar.

He invited representatives of the Federation for personal discussion regarding their organisational matters which would help removing the misunderstanding that existed. The members of the Secretariat Employees Association were entertained for the first time at a state banquet by the Premier.

The conference adopted a number of resolutions urging upon the Orissa Government for fulfilment of their long standing grievances regarding pay, promotions and other departmental amenities.

Enthusiasm

"Sad lack of enthusiasm is the root cause of all our backwardness". This appeared to be the catchword of the Orissa Premier who addressed a number of public meetings during the last two weeks. Explaining the point at the Rabindranath Jayanti function and the All-Utkal Literary Conference at Cuttack and Nayagarh respectively, the Premier pointed out that want of money could never be the reason for closing down of literary organisation and associations.

The only thing that was necessary for the proper upkeep and development of our literary and social organisations was the will to work, he said and if that was lacking no organisation could stand, the Premier concluded. He announced donations from his personal discretionary funds for the building of some educational and social institutions.

Dr. Kalidas Nag of the Calcutta University who visited Cuttack and other important historic places of Orissa during Rabindra Jayanti week, suggested the formation of a Utkal Kala Mandal for cultural pursuits and to propagate art and literature, while addressing the Rabindra Jayanti function as its chief guest. Besides Dr. Nag, several distinguished leaders also visited Orissa in recent weeks.

Shri Naliniranjan Sarkar, West Bengal Minister, who came to Puri left after a short stay. Dr. Sachidananda Sinha is now staying in the Puri Government House and it is reported he has come to Orissa for rest. Dr. Gyanchand, Secretary of the Central Cabinet, who is staying with the Premier is reported to have come here on a study tour.

V. P. MENON'S VISIT

It is also learnt that Mr. V. P. Menon is visiting Orissa towards the end of this month to give the final touch to the agreement with the Orissa rulers regarding their private properties, a comprehensive report of which is already prepared by the Adviser for Orissa states Mr. Rege. General Cariappa, C.-in-C. of India, it is learnt is coming to Orissa on a short tour on June 12 next.

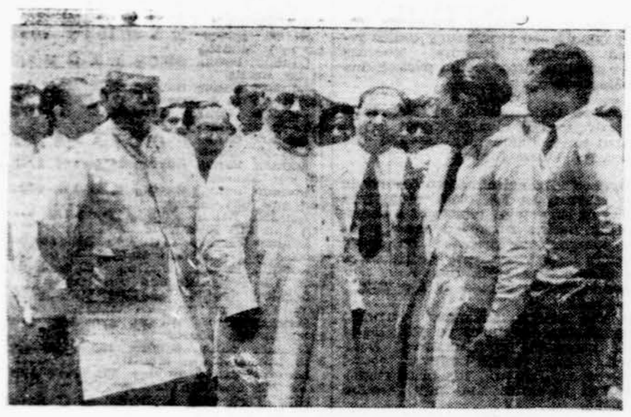
Matters relating to Orissa's contribution towards the Indian Army and questions presumably relating to coastal defence including the development of Chilka Lake might in all probability be discussed when the C-in-C is here. A party of naval experts is also expected shortly to examine the possibilities of development of the Chilka Lake of Orissa.

Besides the efforts of the Orissa Government to establish a new steel factory, a tractor factory, a refrigerator factory and other industries, attempts would soon be made for establishing in this Province, windmills. This indication was given by the Public Works Minister, Lall Ranjit Singh Bariha inaugurating the first Orissa Provincial Engineering Congress at Cuttack recently.

At the switching on ceremony of the new equipment at the local Electric Company the other day, Minister Mr. Bariha expressed the hope that Orissa would be able to supply electricity to the neighbouring provinces while meeting her internal consumption of power, if the Government's post-war development schemes fully materialise in time.

A chain of power houses around the metropolis of Cuttack would be soon opened, he said, in order to meet the needs of power supply in the city which has increased six times since 1938.

Communications Minister



Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Communications Minister, snapped on arrival at Santa Cruz on Friday.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF SAURASHTRA GOVT.

Rajpramukh To Have Observation Tour

(From Our Correspondent).

RAJKOT, May 25. His Highness the Rajpramukh of the United State of Saurashtra, looks forward to acquiring firsthand information about the achievements of the Saurashtra Government in trasforming collective life by impregnating it with democratic fervour. His study tour extended over six days from May 26 to June 1, bids fair to establish personal contacts with the kisans and landless labourers in the worst affected villages around Palitana, Shihor, Songadh, Mahuva, Kandla, Sanosara, Botad, Vinchhia, Jasdan, Limbdi, Wadhwan and Morvi.

His Highness will acquire considerable information about the nature and extent of relief provided for the agricultural classes and the working-class population and about the measures planned to ensure the success of the "Grow More Food" campaign, which had, since its inception seven years ago, belied the great expectations raised by the glib assertiveness of its promoters in Kathiawar and elsewhere.

"By their fruits ye shall know them" is a handy yardstick which will measure the success which crowns the plethora of campaign material put out by the people's Government in Saurashtra in respect of how best to make the province virtually self-sufficient, in respect of the annual cereal requirements of its population.

RANSIKI BENEDICT IN FETTERS

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, May 25. The spoony prigishness of a Kathi bridegroom pranked in the best available accoutrement and inebirated with the delicious daydreams of connubial happiness turned to a most unpleasant surprise when the police surrounded the benedict in all his glory and whisked him off in hand-cuffs from Ransiki to Gondal to answer the charge of having purloined wheat stocks from a kisan's residence in collusion with a like-minded thief.

POWER SUPPLY SCHEME OF MADRAS

Coorg Water Falls To Be Exploited

MADRAS, May 26. (API): Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Public Works Minister, Madras, stated today that the Madras Government would shortly enter into an agreement with the Coorg Administration for the development of power by exploiting the waterfalls at Jamparai in Coorg.

Preliminary investigation of the scheme, now being carried on by the Works Ministry of the Government of India, will shortly be transferred to the Madras engineering authorities.

The project on completion is estimated to yield about 40,000 K. W. of electricity, sufficient to meet the power requirements of South Kanara and Malabar districts.

Bombay Milk Plan As Pattern for Calcutta

CALCUTTA, (UPA):— Bombay's milk plan, recently studied by West Bengal's Deputy Secretary for Agriculture and Milk Commissioner, is serving as a pattern for a scheme being drawn up to improve this city's supply of the important food.

Meanwhile, considerable progress has been made in the development of a "milk town" at a site some 40 miles from Calcutta. On the 2,500 acres of land acquired by the Government a start has been made on the erection of sheds for 2,000 cows and she-buffaloes and the cultivation of pasture lands.

Within a month are expected some 200 cattle purchased in the East Punjab at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,00,000.

ARRESTED ON 'PUGREE' CHARGE

BOMBAY, Friday.

Amirchand Bhirajee and Kalluram Amirchand were arrested by the Dongri Police yesterday for alleged acceptance of pugree of Rs. 3200 to let a shop at Grant Road.

Both the accused were produced before Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, at Esplanade Court today, who released them on bail.

SOLVING INDIA'S LABOUR PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY

M. H. Shah's Address At Brussels

BRUSSELS, (By Air Mail).

In the course of his speech Mr. M. H. Shah, representing Employers' Federation of India, at the plenary session at Brussels, of the Technical Inland Transport Committee, said:

"Indeed it is a great privilege to have the opportunity of addressing in this house this evening. Except Mr. Chinay, all the Indian Delegates are new to this meeting.

Our Industries and Labour Minister, Hon. Mr. Reddy, has already given a very comprehensive review of conditions regarding transport industry in India. As employers' delegate, I fully associate myself with the report submitted to this House.

After the dawn of Liberty in India, we have been feeling our way through by following the non-violent path, as shown by Mahatma Ganwhi. By following this method only he can bring into practice the great Democratic Principles. It is for these reasons, we have joined the Commonwealth, and we have come to take part in this Conference for the same principles. The Government of India have all along approached the problems of I.L.O., in the same spirit, and have already put into practice many of the resolutions uassed in thos assembly.

In these days of socialization the employers in India are quite well aware that sacrifices will have to be made. When the Law of Nationalisation of Transport was passed through, the employers in India co-operated at great sacrifice in order to avoid strikes.

SOLVING PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY

The Government of India and the provincial Governments have done all they could in the interests of Labour. By setting up workers' committees and by conciliatory methods, we have been trying to solve these difficult problems in a peaceful way.

In the majority of cases the Government awards have been very liberal even at the expense of employers. Due to these awards the transport workers are now getting wages 25 to 50 p.c. higher, besides as per award, they will get the benefits of provident funds, gratuity, bonus, privilege leave for daily-paid workers, casual leave and sick leave. This naturally has put a great strain on our industry. In the interest of harmony and goodwill the employers have agreed to co-operate with Labour and the Government, in order to tide over the difficult times through which India is passing.

Both Labour and Industry in India is in a weak position as compared with U.S.A. and Great Britain. We have to feed and clothe 330 million people. We are short of food and clothing. Besides, our transport, both rail and road, could not cope up with our requirements due to severe shortage of wagons, vehicles and gasoline.

Under such circumstances, strike by transport workers would have been disastrous. In this, the employers, the Government and Labour gave full co-operation with the single exception of Communists who were more keen in creating violent troubles both in India and on our borders.

Providence, has been very kind to us in giving us great leaders like Pandit Nehru and Vallabhbhai Patel, but for whom our fate would have been like that of China.

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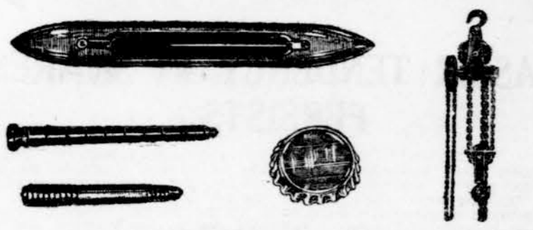

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BOMBAY Stock Exchange

EASIER TENDENCY IN SHARES PERSISTS

BOMBAY, Thursday

The local Stock Exchange ruled steady today with moderate fluctuations. Opening weak, the market gained momentum, absorbing much of the selling pressure. Though the volume of business was not so great, there was good inquiry in the Steel section as well as the miscellaneous group, buying being mainly of a covering nature. Textiles were moderately active, where as banks were idle with buyers scarce.

Tata Steel Deferred opened weak at Rs. 1275, but maintained the upward march without facing much selling pressure, till it advanced up to Rs. 1292-8. Scattered buying thereafter helped meet further existence, and the quotation hovered around Rs. 1290 for a considerable part of the session.

Tata Ordinary advanced steadily to Rs. 268 after opening around Rs. 266. Bengal Steel and Indian Iron were quiet at Rs. 17-8 and Rs. 21-9 respectively.

In the miscellaneous section Bellapurs were again in considerable demand, and were quoted upto Rs. 170 after opening at Rs. 165. Associated Cement firmed up at Rs. 133. Scindia changed hands around Rs. 12-15. Tata Oil was spoken of around Rs. 50 and Premier Construction was steady at Rs. 84.

Among textiles Nagpur retrieved much of its lost position, and looked up to Rs. 32. Kohinoor was steady at Rs. 268-8 after opening two points lower. Bombay Dyeing was idle around Rs. 963-12 after opening at Rs. 960, in the absence of any demand. Simplex and Swadeshi were put through at Rs. 170 and Rs. 183 respectively.

Banks were quiet, Central being quoted at Rs. 79-4 after the initial start of Rs. 80.

Securities found satisfactory inquiries and were better off than during the three previous days. The 3 P. C. Conversion Loan was quoted at Rs. 98-7.

Towards close the market again showed an easier tendency. Tata Deferred declined to Rs. 1275 to finish ultimately at Rs. 1277-8, ten points lower than the previous closing level. Bombay Dyeing climbed down to Rs. 955. Other shares also closed at slightly lower levels.

The market closed barely steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (19-3)	955 0
Kohinoor Mills (4-3)	267 0
Swadeshi Mills (1-4)	279 0
Central India Mills (4)	228 0
Simplex Mill (3)	168 0
New Great Eastern (8)	139 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	142 8
Gokak Mills (12) XD	252 0
Century Spinning (15)	247 8
Colaba (12)	140 0
India Bleaching (6)	144 0
Swan Mills (20)	289 0
Finlay Mills (15)	248 8
Morarji Gokuldas	410 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	197 8
Meyer (12)	111 4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 10
India United Ord. (0-2-6)	1 12 6
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1 9 9
Madhusudan Mill (15)	180 0
Podar (8)	130 0
Khatau Makanji (5)	189 12
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (4)	262 8
Tata Steel Defd. (61-15)	1277 8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	141 4
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	133 0
INDUSTRIES	
Burma	271 4
Belapur Sugar (9)	165 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	20 4
Scindia Steam (0-3)	12 6
Premier Construction	83 0
Tata Chemical	8 14
Tata Oil (2)	51 0
India Iron (0-12)	21 0
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	17 2
British India Corp. (0-9)	7 12
L Copper	2 0
Wimco	154 6
Alcock	227 8
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (25)	1465 0
Andhra Valley (30)	1397 8
Tata Hydro (3)	149 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	60 8
Phoenix	197 8
Indian Mfg.	4150 0
Kurla	117 8
New City	180 0
Minerva (12)	113 12
Bradbury	360 0
Bharat Mills (2)	56 0
Bharucha Deld. (0-4)	4 13
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172 8
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	14 8
Model Mills (12-8)	185 0
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	618 5
Vishnu Cotton (8)	205 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9 0
Western India (40)	4070 0
Standard (15)	225 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3300 0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 0
Tata Mills (2-4)	51 0
Ahmedabad Advance Old (2)	276 4
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	29 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	9 4
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	153 12
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78 12
Berar Mills	281 4
Victoria Mills	225 0
New Great New	156 0
ELECTRICS (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (4-8)	120 10
Ahmedabad New	46 4
Surat Electric (2-8)	145 0
Karachi Electric (2)	131 4
Broach (0-5)	....
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 6 6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12-8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	0 0 0
Bombay Suburban (3) XR	122 8
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1752 8
Imperial Bank of India P.P. (8-12)	431 4
Central Bank	79 4
Central Bank New (1-8)	80 0
Bank of Baroda (2-8) XR	130 0
Union (0)	7 0
Bank of India (4)	179 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial (8)	47 4
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	26 12
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-8)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125)	5100 0
Empire (10)	625 0
New India (1)	55 12
Jupiter (1-4)	14 4
Vulcan (0-10)	11 8
Indian Mercantile (2)	32 8
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B. I. G. (1)	19 0
Industrial and Prudential	29 8
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All India General	15 10
RAILWAY SHARES	
C.P. (1-14)	111 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (10)	255 0
Bombay Burma New (5)	103 2
Burma Petrol	1 5 3
Mackenzie (6)	65 0
Port Canning (3)	69 4
Kemp and Co. (30)	405 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12) XD	91 0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	37 0
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	16 8
Alembic (15)	153 12
Supreme India X.R.	67 4
Jam Wire (6)	60 8
Bombay Uganda	30 0
Bombay Motor Cycle	20 0
Indian Cement (1937)	
Walchand Nagar Industries (E. S.)	127 8
Associated Cement New (3)	128 8
United Motor	32 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbolic X.D.	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (5)	191 4
Andhra Valley (7)	1227 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1280 0
Hydro Electric (7)	126 4
Bombay Steamer (6)	308 4
Central India (5)	628 0
Swadeshi Mills	126 4
Vishnu Mills (7)	640 0
Lakshmi Mills	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	105 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	112 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145 0
Pre. Construction (151)	104 0
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	102 4
Amalgamated	115 0
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical	116 4
Walchandnagar	130 0
Jupiter	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie (1st)	85 0
Mackenzie (2nd)	80 0
Standard	101 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mill	50 0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	101 8
Morarji	94 8
DEBENTURES.	
Andhra 1952	103 8
Gula Kalamsingh	8 9
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	96 8
Indian Hume Pipe	101 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	105 0
OUTSIDE SHARES.	
Burma Corporation	2 6
New Victoria Mill	2 2
New Victoria (Pref.)	4 10
Faltan (8)	105 0
Gold Mohoor	312 8
New Kaiser Hind	360 0
Sajjan Mill (20)	160 0
Osmanshahi (10)	260 0
Azamshahi	270 0
Air Services	5 8
Air India Tata	83 8
Hind Motor	3 14
India Steam	6 3

SCHEDULED BANKS

Weekly Statement

Following is a statement issued by the Reserve Bank of India showing the position of Scheduled Banks as on May 20 last:—

	Rs.
Demand Liabilities in India:	
(i) Borrowings from Banks	30,37,36,000
(ii) Other demand liabilities	568,88,57,000
Time Liabilities in India:	
(i) Borrowing from banks	14,00,000
(ii) Other time liabilities	281,58,19,000
Cash in India:	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	33,54,16,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,89,62,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	67,61,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	60,69,68,000
Advances in India	476,14,95,000
Bills discounted in India	17,24,59,000

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Friday.

In the local Bullion Exchange forward Gold ruled firm today under renewed buying pressure, whereas Silver steadied after initial decline due to heavy selling.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 117-8 and advanced gradually to Rs. 117-11 without any setback. Ready Gold was quoted ten annas higher.

Forward Silver declined to Rs. 185-12 after starting at Rs. 186-8. Scattered buying at this stage, mostly of a short-covering nature improved the position, bringing the price to Rs. 186-5, at which level it steadied. Ready silver was placed one anna higher.

Sovereign was quoted at Rs. 75-8.

As the session advanced Forward Silver further declined to Rs. 184-14 under persistent and renewed liquidation. Lower levels however found scattered support and the price slightly rallied to finish the day around Rs. 185-5.

In Gold bullish sentiment was strong in the initial stage. Later liquidation came in from professional operators, and the market became irratic the price moving between Rs. 117-13 and Rs. 116-14. The closing tone was quietly steady.

Following were the closing quotations:

	Rs. As.
Forward Gold	117 3
Ready Gold	117 13
Forward Silver	185 5
Ready Silver	185 6
Sovereign	75 4

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Friday.

Steady conditions prevailed on the local produce market today. Moderate improvement was noticeable in Groundnuts. This was attributed to delay in the arrival of foreign stocks. Linseed on the contrary was weak due to the reported fresh arrival of American stocks Castorseeds declined to Rs. 25-14.

Following were the quotations when the market closed for the day:—

GROUNDNUTS—	
Khandesh quality	38 2
Coromandal Ready	37 6
Bold Ready	38 8
April-May	37 2
June-July	37 8
August-September	37 11
CASTORSEEDS—	
Ready	25 14
LINSEED—	
Ready	29 12
April-May	29 14
June-July	29 6
August-September	29 4
GROUNDNUT OIL—	
Local Mills	20 10
Ready receipts	20 4
June	20 7
July	20 9
Linseed Oil	18 0
CASTORSEED OIL—	
First pressing quality	16 0
Castorseed oil Commercial quality	16 8

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, May 27.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98 7 0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100 4 0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99 10 0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96 8 0
2 3/4 per centt 1960	99 7 0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99 3 0
2 3/4 per cent 1976	95 12 0
3 per cent non-terminable	98 6 0
3 per cent 1986 Con.	98 7 0
3 per cent 1949-52	100 4 0
3 per cent 1951-54	101 4 0
3 per cent 1953-55	101 6 0
3 per cent 1957	101 0 0
3 per cent 1959-61	100 12 0
3 per cent 1963-65	100 3 0
3 per cent 1966-68	100 0 0
3 per cent 1970-75	100 0 0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104 10 0
4 per cent 1960-70	110 6 0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	103 0 0
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	111 8 0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-58	104 14 0
PROVINCIAL LOANS	
2 3/4 per cent U.P. 1961	97 6 0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97 2 0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100 12 0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100 10 0
3 per cent Punjab 1949	99 12 0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100 4 0
3 per cent U.P. 1952	100 4 0
3 per cent C.P. 1952	100 4 0
3 per cent N.W.F. 1952	98 0 0
3 per cent U. P. 1961-66	99 14 0
4 per cent B.P.T.	110 12 0
4 per cent B. Municipality	110 8 0
5 per cent B. Municipality 1959	114 0 0
6 per cent B Municipal 1954	115 0 0
3 per cent B. Municipal 1950-60	107 0 0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, May 27.

B C Rates T T D D 1-5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T T D D 1-5 29/32 up to 6 Months

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months

London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 8th Month

London Banks Buying T T 1/6 9/16 10th-12th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/5 7th and 9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Month

New York and Montreal B C Rate T T Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4

Banks Buying T T Rs. 330

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4

Montreal Rs. 328 1/2

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 329 Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L C

Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs 8100

Paris Banks Buying T T Fcs 8320

Amsterdam Banks Selling T T Fl. 99

Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs 1305

Java Banks Selling T T D D Gldr. 79

Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 83-3/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs 157

Manila Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 165 1/4

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52, 57-53, 43 London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pla. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl 40; London-Belgium Cross Rat Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36. London/Hongkong Cross Rate Kr 1/3 1/32-1/2-7/8 London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 128-150; London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 99.80-100.20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8.09-8.14; London/Montreal Cross Ratio dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4-02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs 1096-1098; London-Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs 17.34-36.

London Discts 3 Mos 5/8 p c; London Discts 6 Mos 3/4 p c

Reserve: Bank Rate 3 p c; Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call 3/4 pc; 3 Mos 1 p c; 6 Mos 1-1/4 p c; 12 Mos 1-1/2 p c.

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Surat Electricity Company

BOMBAY, Friday.

Presiding over the annual ordinary general meeting of the Surat Electricity Company, Limited, Mr. V. F. Noel Paton, Chairman of the Company, complained that the Union of the Company's staff was continuing to make fresh demands in one way or another. A series of such demands was presented in August last, and the matter was settled by conciliation proceedings.

Earlier this month, continued the Chairman, the Union had again forwarded further demands for certain variations in the grade and the schedule of salaries of the employees, alteration in rules regarding gratuity, leave and provident fund, and other cognate matters. While the management was always willing to pay due heed to all reasonable grievances of the staff, the challenges held out by the Union were unwarranted and unjustified.

The Chairman further protested against the fresh burden imposed by the Government of Bombay on electricity by levying a duty of one pice for every two units consumed for purposes other than lights and fans. He feared that the new impost would have adverse effect on industrial production of the province.

Referring to the acounts of the Company the Chairman said that the company had a reasonably satisfactory year in regard to the gross revenue earnings, despite unfavourable factors, such as difficulties experienced by the local Jari industry, and the company's own internal problems regarding shortage of plant and erratic fuel supply. As for the future of the Company, he said, he was quite optimistic about it.

A dividend for the second half year ended December 31 last at the rate of 6¼ per cent per annum on preference shares, and at the rate of Rs. 4-8 per share on ordinary shares, as recommended by the directors, was sanctioned by the meeting.

The annual report and the audited statement of accounts were also adopted at the meeting.

ART SILK YARN.

BOMBAY, Friday.

Following were the closing quotations in the local Art Silk Yarn Market:—

	Rs. As.
150 D. May	645 0
150 D. June	656 0
120 Japan Spot	3 3
150 Japan Spot	3 4
120 Italy Spot	3 0
150 Italy Spot	3 4

American Markets

MIXED TREND IN STOCKS

Cotton Steady Under Increased Trade Demand

NEW YORK, May 26.

Cotton continued fairly active and early remained under the influence of unfavourable features, such as absence of fresh export development, continued bearish textile news and talk of a lower mid-May parity price Renewed liquidation and hedging caused further moderate sagging but a steadier tone subsequently developed. With the appearance of increased trade support and short covering prices recovered most of the interim losses, but there was nothing to account for the rally, except technical considerations.

Domestic textile news remains discouraging. Worthstreet drygoods markets reporting that trading is still slow with only small sales of print cloths taking place for prompt delivery.

The trend of price at noon was slightly mixed. Although later news from the Worthstreet textile markets was a little brighter with a slight improvement in demand for print cloths and sheetings and the market was described as steady to firm, featureless conditions ruled in the afternoon. Prices hardly varied from the noon levels as routine trade demands were about sufficient to absorb dribbles of hedges. Traders continue to await developments of exports of textiles and newcrop. The session closed steady Sales are estimated at 110,000 bales.

STOCKS

On the Stock Exchange early moderate demand attracted by yesterdays late rally resulted in fairly general though mostly sullan gains but there was no anxiety to follow the rally, and when it was evident that buyers were hesitating, sellers came out more freely and the recovery movement soon met opposition. The trend subsequently was mixed, though some groups managed to hold some earlier gains with fractional advance slightly in the majority. Leading oils, department stores, chemicals, nonferrous minings, textiles and aircrafts were chiefly favoured.

Signs appeared during the afternoon that another test of the 1949 lows was likely to develop. Activity tapered off and most sections fluctuated around the midday levels. Anaconda copper showed a large fractional advance to 28-3/8 on some bidding, following the declaration of the usual quarterly dividend of 75 cents. Southern railway held unchanged despite first four months earnings being equal to 120 cents per share against 324 in the same period last year.

Some quarters commented "business readjustment probably has not yet ended but its depth and duration will probably be limited. It remains to be seen, however, whether the stock market has already discounted this." At noon averages were Industrials 172.02 and Rails 46.69. The composite average rate closed with a very small gain. The session closed irregular.

NEW YORK COTTON.

NEW YORK, May 26.

July	32.29
October	28.87
Decembe	28.67
March	28.56
Middling Spot	33.39

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

NEW YORK, May 26.

July	32.18
October	28.81
December	28.60
March	28.46
Middling Spot	32.45

Volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 700,000 shares. Highest and lowest U.S. Steel trading prices were 68 3/4 and 68 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Wheat led a rally after the early sell off due to favourable weather crop advices and fairly large arrivals of maize locally. The buying was based on trade reports of a two p.c. per bushel advance in the cash wheat basis, Minneapolis. The advance in futures, however, attracted increased offerings in sympathy with lower soyabeans and most deliveries receded into new low ground for the day.

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO, May 26.

July	1.95 3/8
September	1.95 1/4
December	1.96 7/8
March	1.94 3/4

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Friday, May 27.

MILLS

Apollo 2-10
B. Dyeing 960 63-12 53-12 55
C. India 229 32 27 28
Century 246-4 47-8
Colaba 135 40
B. Textiles 197-8.
Finlay 246 48-8.
Gokak 254 56-8 52
I. U. Defd. 1-9-6 1-9-9
I. U. Ord. 10-12 10-13 10-12-6.
Indore 142-8 41-4 42-8.
Kohinoor 266-8 66 68-8 67.
Laxmi 618-12.
Morarji 410
New Great 140-8 40 40-8 32.
Simplex 168 70 68.
Swadeshi 279 83 79
Swan 289 (Ex. Div.).
Tata Mills 50 51
Vishnu 205.
Scindia 12-14 13 12-12-8.

BANKS

Baroda 130.
Central 80 79-4
Central New 80 80-4 80.
Imperial Old 1752-8.
Imperial New 431-14 32-8 31-4.
India 179
Union 6-15 6 7.
U. Commercial 49 47 47-4.

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 120 20-10.
Andhra Valley 1400 1397-8.
Suburban 122-8.
Hydro 147-8 49 48 49
Hydro Pref. 126-4
Power 1465.
New India 55-12.

STEEL

R. Steel 17-8 17-3 17-4 17 17-2.
I. Iron 21-9 21-10 21-3 21-1 21-2 21-1.
Tata Defd. 1275 92-8 75 77-8.
Tata Ord. 261-8 65 62 62-8.
Tata IInd Pref. 141 41-8 31-4.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 226-4 27-8.
A. C. C. Old 131-8 33 32-8 33.
A. C. C. New 128-8.
Belapur 165 69-8 64.
B. B. Old 272-8 71-14 73-12 71-4
B. B. New 103-2.
B. B. Petrol 1-5 1-5-3.
B. I. C. 7-12.
J. I. Trust 90.
I. Copper 2.
Dharamshey 37.
I. Bleaching 144.
P. Const. 83 84 83.
Shivrajpur 20-4.
Tata Chem. 8-13 8-14.
Tata Oil 50-8 49 51
Tata Chem. Pref. 116-4.
Walchannagar 126-4.
Wimco 154-6 53-12 54-8.

SPECIAL.

Ahmedab Elec. New 46-4 46.
Alembic Chemical 155.

Shipping News

IMPORTS

S. S. TARANTIA

From Glasgow: 1490 cases sewing machines 334 bags bolts and nuts 243 cases whisky 624 ctns sewing cotton threads on reels 98 ctns sewing cotton threads on reels 98 ctns sewing cotton threads on cans and cops 147 bdls steel bars 492 bdls sheet cuttings 2584 loose fire bricks 110 pcs. slice valves

From Swansea: 220 cases glass bottles 180 bdls. copper sheets 850 ctns. tin plates.

From Liverpool: 64 bdls. steel cuttings 160 ctns rayon yarn 450 bcs. fire bars 40 bdls. stoves 60 drums silicate of soda 34 bdls. iron beds 67 bags broken tiles 366 cases tiles 2023 bdls. steel cuttings 132 pcs. sanitary earthen ware 4121 bdls. tubes 820 loose old railway waggons springs 215 bags earthen ware tiles 85 drums bleaching powder 49 cases batteries 400 bdls flanges, 43 drums cables, 30 bales postal paper, 44 bdls. alminium aloytube, 168 bags stocklite China clay, 37 cases steel flat links, 66 bales wool tops, 50 cases cocia, 250 ctns standard pressure stoves, 107 cases aluminium circles, 120 drums cellulose liquir, 110 drums cellulose thinners, 212 drums bleaching powder, 72 cases abestes sheets, 51 drums sodium nitrate, 75 cases nitrate acid, 50 cases sulpharic acid, 50 drums barrian nitrate, 13 bales brokentiles, 50 bdls cycle rims, 92 ctns stone jars, 172 pcs. sanitary earthenware, 342 cases textile machinery, 50 bdls. sanitary ware, 42 drums aniline dyes, 315 cases accumulators and parts. 52 loose fire clay sinks, 200 bales beam flanges, 140 iron barrels lubricating grease, 158 bdls sledge hammers, 84 cases window glass; 35 ctns perspex, 152 cases cellolulose paint, 53 cases rubbing compound; 65 cases economiser parts, 78 cases sodium carbonate; 856 drums tropical bleaching powder; 200 bags sodium hydrosulphite; 556 drums lubricating oil; 240 bags steamric; 58 drums percho-ride of iron.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORTS

S. S. TARANTIA

From Port Sudan

75 bags drg ginger 25 baskets tamrind—M. Vandravan.

25 bales cotton peicegoods—C. Kasturchand; 6 bales cotton peicegoods—C. C. Shah.

To Liverpool

103 bales wool raw—Rallis India Ltd.

S. S. PROTECTOR

To Colombo

100 bags corrinder seed—M. A. Pillai.

S. S. VASUA

To Muscat

15 bags turmeric—S. P. Dharamshi

17 bales cotton peicegoods—C. Ujamshibhoy.

S.S. FLYING ARROW

To KOBE: 200 bales cotton raw—China Cotton Exporters.

S.S. ALUDRA

To ROTTERDAM: 10 bales goat skins—Gordon India Corp.

To ANTWERP: 100 bales cotton raw—S. Madhavdas.

S.S. CEYLON

To GENOA: 2309 bags linseed—Rallis India Ltd.

To ANTWERP: 318 bales raw cotton—Arjan Krishnaji and Co., 50 bales wool raw—Ratanlal and Sons.

S.S. DWARKA

To KARACHI: 64 bags drugs, 100 bags turmeric, 50 bags tamarind—A. S. Rahemtulla Bros.

S.S. KARANJA

To ZANZIBAR: 25 bags garlic—H. Merally and Co.

To DARESALAM: 12 bales cotton piecegoods—Bombay Overseas Trading Co.

To MOMBASA: 20 bags seeds—M. Tribhuwan, 66 bags dry ginger—N. Nathoobhai, 35 bales cotton piecegoods—C. Kasturchand, 7 bales cotton piecegoods—H. Merally and Co.

S.S. ELIZABETH BAKKE

To AUCKLAND: 64 bags groundnut kernels—S. M. Rajgor and Co.

S.S. DARA

To KARACHI: 45 baskets betel leaves—M. Ellies and Co., 50 baskets betel leaves—M. Din and Co., 75 baskets betel leaves—J. Pradhan, 15 baskets betel leaves—Rajab and Co., 15 baskets betel leaves—B. Baboo and Co. 15 baskets betel leaves—M. Imam, 35 baskets betel leaves—A. Alimohamed, 15 baskets betel leaves—A. Akbar, 30 baskets betel leaves—L. Becharlal.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

S.S. 'Dan Y. Bryn' from Sydney with general cargo on May 27.

S.S. 'HEATHER' from Cochin with general cargo on May 27.

S.S. 'Tilimachos' from Kherson Odessa with wheat on May 27.

S.S. 'Fionia' from Copenhagen with general cargo on May 27.

S.S. 'Bishan Hill' from Melbourne with general cargo on May 26.

S.S. 'Burmount' from Mombassa with cotton on May 26.

S.S. 'Carthage' from Hongkong with general cargo on May 26.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS, May 27, (A.P.I.): On the local market there was a fair turnover with Indian Banks all issues in request. Overseas and Bank of Mysore were lower. Among electrics South Madras changed hands at Rs. 8-14 plantings rule quiet. Textiles remained steady with business in Cambodias, Coimbatore. Pioneers Ranga Vilas, etc.

In the miscellaneous section Andhra Cement E. improved to Rs. 6-13 whilst FACTS were lower at Rs. 4-3, Chemical Shares were lower both Mettur Chemical and Mysore Chemicals. The market closed quiet

Following are closing quotations:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Government of India three per cent Paper 98, three per cent 1986 98-7, three per cent 1953-55 101-6. three per cent 1960 Government of Madras 100-2.

BANKS: Travancore 14, Indian 169, Ind. Overseas 83.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 17, Trav. 6-8, ditto pref. 8-12.

PLANTINGS: Blue Mountain 2-6-6, Chembra 4-1, Cochin Malabar 3-6, Midland 3-11, Ouchterlony 4-5, Periakaramalai 20-12, Pulangode 0-15-6 Thirumbadi 1-11, T. R. and T. Co 4-11.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 146, ditto pref. 193, Cambodia 9-4, Coimbatore Cm. 110-8, Pioneer 114, Lakshmi 68-12, Madura 38-4, Mettur 302-8, Radhakrishna 137-8, Rajalakshmi 54-8, Ranga Vilas 51-4, Trav. Rayons 3-7, Trichinopoly 10-10.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 66-8, F.A.C.T. 6-13, Mettur Chem. 5-13.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, May 26.

American Telephone & Telegraph	141
Amerex Holding Co.,	27 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	28 3/8
Chase National Bank	33 1/4
Sinclair Oil	20 3/4
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	47 1/4
General Electric Co.,	36
General Motors	56
Ingersoll Rand	59 3/4
International Nickel	27 3/4
National City Bank of New York	39
New York Central Rail Road Co.,	11
Socony Vacuum Corporation	15 3/8
Texas Corporation	54
Union Carbide	37
U.S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.,	43
U.S. Steel Corporation (Common)	68
Western Union Telegraph	13 1/2
U.S. Price of foreign silver cents	71 1/2

LONDON STOCKS.

LONDON, May 26.

Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£ 81
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 1/8
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£113 1/8
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952 and after	£102 3/4
Chartered Bank of I.A. & China	£11 1/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Lon Reg.	£93 1/2
National Bank of India	£38 1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5.765. London Exchanges unchanged.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, May 27, (A.P.I.): On the Stock Exchange today a further decline was witnessed in the more speculative stocks on selling pressure, with other shares remaining more or less unchanged. Speculative shares were easier reflecting disappointment over the interim dividend of six annas per share declared by the Howrah Jute Mills Co.

Following are today's final transactions up to 2-30 p.m.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: 3 per cent Government Paper 98-1, 3 per cent India Government Loan 1986 98-8, 3 per cent Loan 1949-52 100-2, 3 per cent Loan 1951-54 101, 3 per cent Loan 1970-75 99-14, 4 per cent Loan 1960-70 110-2, 4-1/2 per cent Loan 1955-60 111-9.

BANKS: Imperial Bank fully paid 1750.

COTTONS: Basanti pref. 9, Cawnpore Textiles 9-4.

COALS: Amalgamated 22-4, Associated Laikdih 2-14, Bengal Coal 408, Bengal Bhatdee 4-2, Bharat Colliery 6, Burrakuur 10-8, do 2nd pref. 9-4, Central India 5-1, Deoli 9-13, East Indian 27, Equitable 37, Jainty Central 1-13, Nazira 6-12, Pench Valley 21-6, South Karanpura 23-2, Western Bengal 4.

JUTES: Auckland 2nd pref. 101, Craig 19.

MININGS: Burma Corpn. 2-7, Consolidated Tin -15-, Ind. Copper Corpn. 2, Tavoy Tin -10-.

ENGINEERINGS: Ind. Iron and Steel ordy. 21-4, Saran Engineering 7, Steel Corpn. of Bengal ordy. 17-3, Textile Machinery 6-4, Marshalls 4-15.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dalmia Cement ordy. 7-1, Reliance Firebricks 15, New Asiatic Insuurance 4-3, British India Corpn. 7-13, Rohtas Industries pref. 100, B. B. Petrol 1-5, Titaghur Paper 30, Assam Sawmills 6-4, Mohini Sugar 3-15, Ramnugger Cane and Sugar 12-4.

TEAS: Eastern Cachar 3-14.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, May 27.

Market ruled easy in all sections as bears more successful to hammer prices to get payments in their favour in Calico there was pressure of selling at the last moment. Closing tone was easy.

Calico Opened 1110, Hight 1118, Lowest and Closed 1106. Arvind Opened 1552, Highest 1555, Lowest 1540, Closed 1542. Deffered Opened 1282, Highest 1296, Lowest and Closed 1276.

Closing quotations: Arvind 1542, Ambika 421, Calico 1106, Deffeered 1276, upiter 325, Marsdon 175, Monogram 160, Saraspur 625, Atul 33.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Corre

Trade And Finance

Easier Conditions In Money Market

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

(By Our Finance Representative)

"The drift towards lower short-term money rates continued during the week under report and call loans were available at 1 per cent. Three months' money was quoted between 1¼ and 1½ per cent and six months' upto 1¾ per cent per annum. An increase during the week ended 13th May of Rs. 2.42 crores in secduled banks' balances with the Reserve Bank and a sharp decline of Rs. 7.87 crores in their advances during the same period is an index of easier conditions in the market", says our financial correspondent, reviewing the working of the city markets during the last week.

He further states as follows:

A decline of Rs. 10.98 crores in the active note circulation and a corresponding increase in the notes held in the Banking Department are featured in the weekly returns of the Reserve Bank of India, compiled upto 20th May 1949. The total note issue has expanded only slightly by Rs. 23 lakhs, with a compensating rise in the Rupee Coin held by the Bank. Both Government as well as Bankers' balances have increased by Rs. 1.31 crores and Rs. 6.29 crores respectively, but "miscellaneous" deposits are lower by Rs. 1.44 crores. Balances held abroad are reduced further by Rs. 3.06 crores, whereas Loans and Advances to Government are down by Rs. 2.10 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 20th May 1949 reveals an increase of Rs. 99 lakhs in Deposits. Investments are practically unchanged at Rs. 199.64 crores. Advances by the Bank show a reduction of Rs. 3.75 crores, resulting in an increase of Rs. 4.98 crores in the cash holding of the Bank, which now stands at Rs. 46.65 crores.

GILT-EDGED

The gilt-edged market continued lifeless with hardly any investment enquiry. Prices of some of the scrips showed a small deterioration owing to lack of support. 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan was marked down further to Rs. 98-6 during the week. Among redeemable loans, 2½ per cent. 1954 loan was marked down to Rs. 98-4 2½ per cent. 1960 loan was quoted at Rs. 99-7 and 3 per cent. 1953/55 loan at Rs. 101-6. 3 per cent. 1957 Victory loan tapered off to Rs. 101. 3 per cent 1963/65 loan to Rs. 100-3 and 3 per cent. 1966/68 loan to Rs. 99-15. 3½ per cent 1977 Municipal loan eased off to Rs. 100-10 during the week.

EXCHANGE

The rupee sterling exchange market was devoid of any special features though the undertone continued steady throughout. For interbank business, sellers of spot TT on London quoted 1s. 5-31/32d. and buyers 1s.6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:

Sellers of TT on London spot 1s. 5-31/32d.

Sellers of TT on London upto six months 1s. 5-15/16d.

Buyers of TT on London spot and upto nine months 1s. 6-1/32d.

GOLD

Prices in the gold section of the bullion market tended downwards during the early part of the week mainly due to the arrival of the Indian mine gold but the market once again turned firm on good ready demand. From the opening level of Rs. 118-4, ready gold declined to Rs. 116-15 on Saturday but thereafter gradually recovered and closed at Rs. 118-5. Gold for delivery in the 11th June settlement was quoted about Rs. 1-8 under spot on the opening day but the backwardation narrowed the same day to 8 annas. The price of sovereigns remained steady at Rs. 75 throughout the week. Stocks of gold in the market are reported to be slightly higher at 40,000 tolas. Arrivals including the Kolar gold are estimated to have averaged about 8,000 tolas a day and the offtake about 6,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 118-5 and Rs. 116-11 for spot and Rs. 117-12 and Rs. 116-4 for forward.

SILVER

The silver market ruled easy mid week owing to liquidation by one of the bull operators but later prices moved up sharply on active bear-covering inspired by a marked improvement in the upcountry offtake. The quotation for spot silver declined from Rs. 185-12 at the start to Rs. 183-7 on Monday but thereafter gradually recovered to Rs. 187-2 on Thursday and closed at Rs. 186-8. Forward silver was quoted about 12 annas under spot until Saturday, but the backwardation narrowed down to 4 annas on Monday and further to 2 annas at the close. Floating stocks of silver are estimated at 4,000 bars and the offtake continues on a fairly large scale, being about 225 bars a day on average. In the overseas markets, both the New York and the London silver quotations remained unchanged at 71¼ cents and 43¼d. throughout. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 187-2 and Rs. 183-7 for spot and Rs. 187 and Rs. 183-4 for forward.

SHARES

Fresh liquidation coupled with a complete lack of support caused a further landslide in prices on the local stock exchange. At the close, however, a moderate rally occurred mainly due to bear-covering.

Tata Defds. were marked down from Rs. 1,340 to Rs. 1,265 and Ordinaries from Rs. 272 to Rs. 260-8, both closing a trifle steadier at Rs. 1,277-8 and Rs. 262-8. Among textiles also there was a total absence of support. Bombay Dyeings were inclined to be offered at Rs. 947-8 as against Rs. 981-4 touched early in the week; Kohinoors declined to Rs. 265 and Nagpurs to Rs. 220-8, although the latter recovered smartly to Rs. 228 at the close on some support. Swadeshis were easier at Rs. 279. Hydro-electric and Bank shares also drifted lower for want of support; Andhra Valleys receded to Rs. 1,397-8 and Powers to Rs. 1,460. Tata Hydros were offered at Rs. 149. Amongst Banks, Central Banks touched Rs. 79-4 whilst Imperial Bank Fully Paids were inclined to be offered at Rs. 1,752-8. Bank of Indias eased off to Rs. 179. In the miscellaneous section, Belapurs remained to the fore, the quotation for these shares losing further ground to Rs. 154-8 on renewed selling pressure, but recovered at the close to Rs. 165 on speculative support. Associated Cements cheapened to Rs. 129 and Scindia Steams to Rs. 12-8 mid-week, but finished somewhat better at Rs. 133 and Rs. 12-12.

The Calcutta share market ruled fairly steady during the early part of the week on sustained speculative and investment support but but profit taking caused a reaction at the close. Jute section, on the other hand, ruled dull throughout with hardly any business passing.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Displays Quiet Trend

LONDON, May 27, (PTI-Reuter): Rally in British Government stocks gave better tone to the London Stock Markets today. After a hesitant opening, buyers appeared for giltedged short dated issues and small gains were registered.

Sprinkling of small improvements were shown by leading industrial issues. This section closed slightly irregular on balance but with fair proportion of gains. Ford motors were a dull exception. Bulls were sold when at a meeting of the company today it was revealed that no bonus issue is to materialise. The price lost three shillings at five-zero and six.

Oils were dull throughout. Some offerings found the market unwilling buyers and declines of one-six-teenth were shown.

Foreign rails were quietly firm. Satisfaction was expressed with takeover terms of Leopoldina and Great Western Brazil Companies. Foreign bonds were steady but idle.

Interest in South African minings was revived. Good buying of developers spread to other issues and the market closed very firm.

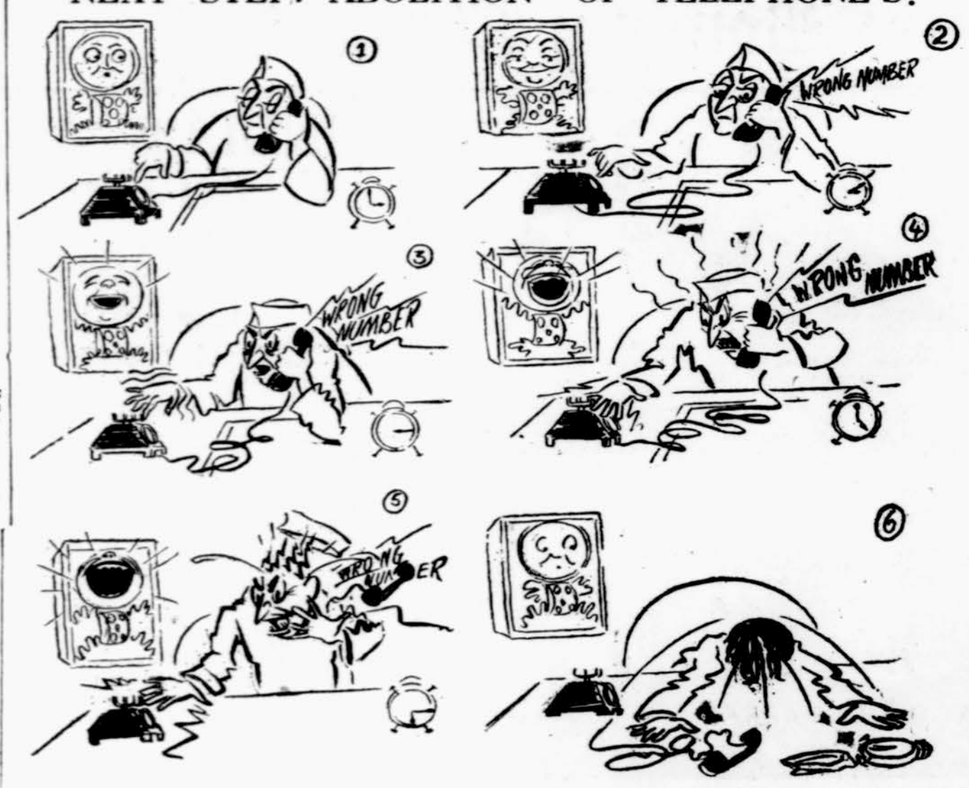
Calicut Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

CALICUT, May 27.

Coiryarn Beypore 145-155, Quilandy 157-8-167-8, Fibre Garbled 90, Ungarbled 80, Cocoanuts Raw 167-168, Dry 185-195, Cocoanut Oil 570, Copra Office 395, Dilpasand 415, Madrasnottam 460, Pepper Wynaad 175, Country 1700, Dry Ginger Chernad 700, Ernad 700, Coffee Robusta 162-8, Timber Pali 65-75, Junglwood 30-35, Vellapine 65-70, Benteak 45-50, Teak 90-120, Mango 1-4, Teak 18-20, Rosewood 18-20.

NEXT STEP: ABOLITION OF TELEPHONE'S!



GIRL THROWN FROM THIRD FLOOR

BOMBAY, Friday.

A 20-year old married girl was flung down to her death from the third floor of a city building last night, the Princess Street Police stated today.

The ghastly murder is said to be the result of quarrels between the young wife and her mother-in-law, who was supported by her son, in her campaign against the girl.

It is stated that the family of three consisting of Mohanlal Purushottam, his wife Laxmibai and his mother Mayabai lived in a tenement on the third floor of Tejpal building at Vithalwadi. There used to be frequent quarrels between the young girl and her old mother-in-law.

Last night a bitter quarrel flared up and scenes of verbal warfare were witnessed by the neighbours, who were kept disturbed till a late hour in the night.

At 3 a.m. this morning, the police stated, Laxmibai was picked up in an unconscious condition on the pavement in front of the building where the family lived. She had obviously hurtled down to the pavement from a great height and had suffered multiple injuries. She was removed to the G.T. hospital where she succumbed to her injuries later in the day.

The police arrested Mohanlal and Mayabai, alleging that they jointly threw down the deceased from the window of their flat.

Mother and son were produced before Mr. V. K. Muranjan this morning, who remanded them to custody, pending further inquiries.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON JULY

NEW YORK, May 27.

Previous Closing	32.29
Today's Opening	32.33
Difference	+4
Today's Closing	32.42
Difference	+13

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, May 27.

	Rs.	As.
Silver Jeth	185	4
Gold Jeth	117	4
Silver Bullion	185	4
Silver Mint	185	4
Gold Ready	117	12
Sovereign	75	4

EXPECTATION:
Cotton Jarila July 624.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, May 27.

Opening stock exchange: Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 28-1/4, General Motors dol. 56, U. S. Steel Common dol. 68, Preference dol. 113.

BAN COMMUNAL PARTIES

Unity Conference Plea To Government

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Unity Conference held today under the presidentship of the Hon'ble Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, Speaker of the Indian Parliament at the C. J. Hall urged the immediate dissolution of all communal or religious organisations which directly or indirectly fostered or encouraged activities or agitations of a political nature.

The conference further recommended to the Government to take early steps to ban political organisations based on religious or communal consideration, so that at the time of the next general election, no parties shall function on a communal or religious basis.

WORK HARD FOR UNITY

Mr. Mavlankar addressing the conference said that the people of India had sunk their differences in their struggle against the alien rule. But, he added, as soon as the common enemy disappeared, the differences among the people had begun raising their heads. The speaker was hopeful that ultimately unity and peace would prevail in the country. But the people of India, he said, would have to work hard and make sacrifices before they could achieve the unity and consolidation of the nation.

In the course of his welcome speech, Mr. Joachim Alva, Sheriff of Bombay and Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Conference said that the country was still not free from communalism.

GIVE UP COMMUNALISM

Lady Rama Rau moved the first resolution calling upon the people of India to give up communalism and sectarianism and assist the process of building up a strong and united state. Lady Rama Rau remarked that the people should consider themselves as Indians first, and after that pay attention to their caste, creed or province. Otherwise, she warned that India would not make rapid progress and take her place in the comity of nations.

Seconding the resolution, Mr. Salebhoy Abdul Kadar, Chairman of the Municipal Standing Committee appealed to the people to shed their "communal outlook".

Mr. Abid Ali Jafferbhai, I.N.T.U.C. leader moved the resolution asking Government to outlaw the communal parties. The resolution was supported by Miss Perin Nariman and supported by Dr. Miss Aloo Dastur.

The remaining resolutions on Hindustani, provincialism and other subjects will be taken up tomorrow when the conference will re-assemble at 4 p.m. at the C. J. Hall.

INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION

Civil Supplies Minister Surveys Measures Taken

BOMBAY, Friday.

Giving a brief outline of the measures being adopted by the Central and Provincial Governments to augment the agricultural yield of the country, Mr. Dinkarrao N. Desai, Minister for Civil Supplies, Government of Bombay, told a gathering of the Commerce Graduates Association, this evening, that large scale schemes for the mechanisation of agriculture were under way, side by side with plans for the development of irrigation facilities and the production of compost manure.

The present shortage of foodgrains was due to the neglect of agriculture during the past 150 years. However, Government was implementing its scheme for mechanisation and recently about 400 or 500 tractors had been purchased. Very shortly the Central Government proposed to enter into a contract with an American firm for the supply of mechanised farm implements.

IRRIGATION

With regard to irrigation, the Minister said that the development of resources which would provide a perennial supply of water was being undertaken on a large scale. The Kohinar scheme in the Bombay province was already under way. During the past few years 160 pumps were working on the Narbada and the Tapti and part of the irrigation scheme while several wells had been sunk. With the expansion of irrigation during the next two years, and additional three to four lacs of acres would be brought under cultivation.

This year, Mr. Desai said, 50 to 60 thousand tons of manure would be available because of Government subsiding schemes for the manufacture of compost manure, Groundnut cake powder would also be used for manuring purposes.

By these measures the Agricultural Department hoped to increase food production by about 3,75,000 tons by 1951. These formed the main lines on which the Central and Provincial Governments were working to reduce the deficit in the country's food requirements, the Minister concluded.

Anniversary Of Afghan Independence

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Consul for Afghanistan and Madam Sardar Fazl Ahmed Khan held a reception at the Royal Afghanistan Consulate this evening to commemorate the thirty-first anniversary of the Independence of Afghanistan. A large number of distinguished guests were present and they included Ministers of the Provincial Government, members of the local diplomatic corps, high Government officials and leaders of the city's commercial and social life.

PRINCE ALY AND RITA MARRIED

Most Lavish Reception In Europe Since War

VALLAURIS (FRENCH RIVIERA), MAY 27 (PTI-REUTER).

PRINCE ALY KHAN AND RITA HAYWORTH WERE MARRIED HERE TODAY BY THE COMMUNIST MAYOR, PAUL DERIGON. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT THE TINY TOWNHALL WHERE THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS WERE HELD BACK FROM THE WEDDING PARTY BY WOODEN BARRIERS.

Armed police were guarding the Chateau de L'Horizon, where the most lavish wedding reception Europe has seen since the war, was planned. Other police patrolled the nearby Mediterranean shore.

Rita laughed happily when she entered the town hall, newly decorated in honour of the occasion, in an ice blue wedding dress and carrying a bouquet of white roses.

The prince, wearing grey striped trousers, a white shirt and black coat, and tie, stood on Rita's right hand during the ceremony. His father, the Aga Khan, stood on the bride's left. The ceremony itself was quickly over.

WITNESSES

The Begum Khan, wearing a long sky blue sari, stood with the principal witness, General Georges Catroux, former French Ambassador to Moscow, on Prince Aly's right. The other witness, Prince Jean of Orleans Braganza, brother-in-law of the French Pretender, the Comte de Paris, stood beside the Aga Khan.

When the wedding party came out, hundreds of people surged round the car to see Rita and the Prince drive away. The Film Star seemed surprised by the size and warmth of the demonstration. All windows and balconies overlooking Vallauris Town Hall and main street were rented at high prices to spectators wanting a good view. At the nearby Chateau de L'Horizon, the Prince's luxurious Riviera home, armed guards patrolled roads and walls and the seashore during the reception.

Prnce Aly engaged a hundred servants, including 18 chefs and the entire staff of the Cannes Casino, for the reception, to which nearly 300 guests were invited.

NOT IMPRESSED

HOLLYWOOD, May 27 (UPA): Rita Hayworth's wedding to Prince Aly Khan climaxed a breathless 10-year career that whirled her from a pudgy 50-dollar a week dancing girl to a Moslem princess with millions to splurge on chateaus, diamonds and yachts.

But one man is not impressed, Eduardo Cansino, her Spanish father and former Rumba partner. Cansino said: "I don't see why everybody makes such a fuss. I don't see anything so terrific about all this. Rita was doing all right on her own, no?"

Papa Cansino says this was the first Hayworth wedding he missed. He said: "I was there when she married those other two. Both times I tell her she prove them. Both times I tell her she will be happy. She smile and say, yes papa. Both times it no work out. But this time I canot give her away. Maybe that will be a good luck symbol."

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

(Continued from Page 6)

nay even control, of the Law Member of the Government of India. Why should the Corporation leaders hesitate to make use of his services when it was a matter affecting the health of three million souls?

CONFUSED STATE

There seems to be no doubt that there is some confusion prevailing about the whole affair and the sooner it is cleared the better for all concerned. Surely if not the local authorities, at least those in Delhi, can bring the state of affairs to the notice of their colleague who is busy finalising the constitution of free India. No one need dispute the propriety of the use of his undoubted talents for that work of great national importance but surely he can be approached and requested to spare some time, preferably a week-end, for attending to this matter which should be his concern both as the president of the Union which has been conducting the strike as well as the leader of the community which outnumbers any other section in the ranks of our conservancy staff. Ultimately, it is the health of the whole of Bombay that is being seriously affected and it is the future of thousands of his followers that is in jeopardy and one cannot imagine that however busy Dr. Ambedkar otherwise may be, he should not be able to find the time for this job.

It was reported last week that he was likely to visit the city and bring about an end of the dispute by his intervention. Like a number of news emanating from the official sources this also proved to be a matter of wishful thinking and a pious hope. The Opposition spokesman characterised the report as 'inspired" and "manufactured news" having no relation to facts and the absence of the doctor from the city even after a full week has passed since the news first appeared would lead one to conclude that the latter analysis is nearer the truth.

Locally some members of the Opposition have tried to contact the Governor of the Province and sought his intervention in the affair. No news is yet available as to what has been its outcome. But one is driven to the conclusion that if anything worthwhile is to happen on the strike front, the higher authorities—not local but the central—must move in the matter.

BANDRA ELECTIONS

The local Socialists are making their first entry in the civic life of Bandra, the biggest suburb of Bombay. Tomorrow takes place a by-election to the Bandra Municipality from one of the Wards and the Socialists are supporting one of the two contestants. Just one by-election, coming practically at the fag-end of the present term of that Municipality, would not have ordinarily much importance, but since the general elections to the Bandra Borough Municipality are to be held in October or November this year this one contest small though it is, assumes some importance and the activity of the Socialists noticeable for the last few days in the first suburb of the first city, indicates that they are using this occasion to make a little later a proper entry in the general elections.

ILLICIT, SAYS CHURCH

ROME, May 27. (U. P. A.): Rita Hayworth's marriage to Prince Aly Khan is "illicit in the eyes of the (Catholic) church" and any children she may bear him will be "conceived in sin" as far as the Holy See is concerned, a high Vatican source said today.

The source revealed for the first time that the glamorous Hollywood movie star had not asked the church for permission to marry the Indian prince.

REVISION OF AIR FARES

Expert Committee To Study U. S. Experiments

NEW DELHI, May 27 (API).

THE Expert Committee which the Government of India propose to set up shortly in order to go into the question of revision of air fares, will. It is learned, consider data about experiments in the United States in air fare reductions. The relevant data are now being collected.

Some American airlines have reduced their fares by introducing an economic class of air travel known as "the Tourist Coach class". The fares charged for this class are four to five cents per mile equivalent to two and a half annas which is less than the present rates charged by Indian companies which vary according to the riutes from annas three to annas five per mile. In the Tourist Coach Class no meals are served and instead of seats there are bunks which are used by passengers for sitting purposes. There is a saving in load due to the reduced weight of the seats and exemption of a steward, hostess and other crew, thereby allowing for the carriage of extra passengers.

FIRST CLASS RAILWAY FARE

The aim of the Government of India is believed to be to reduce the air fares to the level of the present First Class railway fare which is annas two per mile. Even if the fare which is prevalent in America is charged, namely two and half annas a mile, it is reported that it will prove economic and in some cases less than the First Class railway fare as the air distance and distance by rail between places vary widely. For example, the distance between Bombay and Calcutta by railway is 1,349 miles, whereas the air distance is only 1,037 miles.

AID TO AIR COMPANIES

The air companies, it is understood, are against reducing the fares on the plea that even with the present rates they are running at a loss. In order to help the air companies, Government are understood to have announced from the current financial year a rebate of half the customs duty on petrol to air companies, which means a reduction of seven and a half annas on every gallon of petrol. The total monthly consumption of petrol by aircraft in India is reported to be about 7,00,000 gallons. It would, therefore, appear that, under this scheme, Government are giving an indirect subsidy of about Rs. 42,00,000 per year to the air companies which should be a contributing factor in reducing their expenses.

SILVER REFINERY FOR INDIA

BOMBAY, Friday.

An up-to-date silver refinery is to be set up in Calcutta in a short time.

A team of British engineers are arriving in India early in 1950 to work out plans for the construction of this new plant.

Major D. V. Deane, Master of the India Government Mint in Bombay, left Bombay today to meet the British engineers and study the plans prepared by them.

Major Deane told the Associated Press of India that the silver refinery project would cost about Rs. 60 lakhs. He hoped that the refinery would be completed in three years. The visiting British engineers would begin the work of construction next year.

MUTT AND JEFF—Not Bad Advice At That, Maybe — **By BUD FISHER**

JEFF, WATCH MY OFFICE! I GOT AN EMERGENCY CALL!
SURE, DOC!
DOCTOR X-RAY
M.D.
OH, DOCTOR, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GLAD I AM I FOUND YOU IN! I'M HAVING A TERRIBLE TIME WITH MY VOICE! YES! YOU SEE, I'M TAKING VOICE CULTURE - IT'S SIMPLY THRILLING! BUT I'M HOARSE BEFORE I CAN START MY SINGING LESSONS I TELL YOU
I MUST HAVE LARYNGITIS DON'T YOU THINK? YES! WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST I'LL I DO FOR IT?
GIVE YOU A GOOD PRESCRIPTION!
WHAT DOES IT SAY?
IT SAYS, MADAME, KEEP YOUR BIG MOUTH SHUT FOR 24 HOURS!
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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BENCH

Romantic Passing Parade At Cooperage (Or Cuffe Parade)

If inanimate things could speak what wonderful stories they would tell! Ignored by the living they must have watched the march of events in their vicinity. What human follies and wisdom they must have laughed and wondered at!

Maybe they have envied the animals and human beings at work and play or have enjoyed the smug satisfaction that they were so unlike those foolish creatures, unmoved and unrepentent. They have stood for the ages, wherever they be, while life passed them by.

But human mind can imagine what an interesting day even a drab, faded bench at the roadside can have. With a little prompting our photographer has reconstructed a day in the life of a bench. Does not the bench see the ups and downs of life! Here is a pictorial diary of the day.

8 A. M. Soon after the morning sun comes up tiny tots arrive in their perambulators and push carts. By their prattle and joyful cries they seem to compete with the birds in the trees. Their ayahs make the bench their headquarters, leaving the children to fend for themselves. Then the gossip begins, and what a gossip! It ranges from the Mem Sahib's new saree to her latest indiscretion. Though the S'ab comes home drunk every night, is he not the master of the house and doesn't he deserve more attention? etc.

Some of the stories are such that the red coating beneath the later greenish paint of the bench actually seems to be blushing.

8-30 A. M. The tiny tots have left after their morning sun bath for their Burra Hazari. A morning stroller has settled down to see what is the latest in his favourite paper. A passeroy takes a chance to see whether he can read any juicy titbit over the shoulder. Soon they are off.

Then comes that stray dog, on his first visit of the day, to sniff at any new odours and cause the bench the most embarrassing moments in his life.

10-15 A.M. He is soon shooed away by a servant from the neighbouring building, who has found the bench a convenient stand to air the bed clothes of his master. He may leave a couple of bugs behind which the bench may find difficult to get rid off from his system.

11 A.M. Finds a couple resting after their long morning walk. They are tidy and correct whom any bench may be proud to accommodate.

12-30 P.M.: But a roadside bench cannot afford to have these bourgeois thoughts. Soon workers from a nearby mill come to lunch in their recess. They sit down on their haunches and do justice to the plain food brought in their tiffin-carriers. They have not much time to talk for the factory whistle may blow any moment.

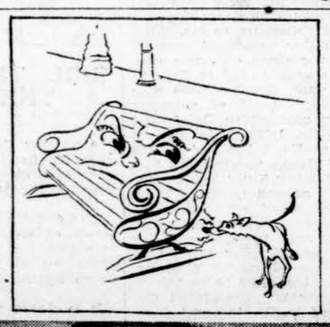
1-30 P.M.: After the crows have picked clean all the crumbs left by the workers, an unemployed wanders towards the bench to rest his tired limbs. He stretches in the hot sun full length. Soon he is in a stupor and forgets for a while the hunger biting inside him.

2-30 P.M.: But the hot sun is too much for him. He soon starts on his weary journey. Then arrive two girls. What a lovely sun to dry their long silky hair still damp from the morning bath. Oh! They need some combing and brushing too!

4-30 P.M.: As the shadows lengthen, ageing matrons settle down to enjoy the warm rays of the evening sun, watching the passing parade of the endless evening strollers. They see in them a reflection of their own life at its various stages. Reminiscences and sweet memories.

5-30 P.M.: Tiny tots arrive again. In clean clothes and well powdered. They are more subdued than in the morning. Aren't there too many grown ups about to frisk and play and shout?

10 P.M.: The twilight has retreated before the enveloping darkness. The nearby street light has flickered for sometime and then gone out. There is no one to watch the two lovers, who are repeating the eternal story of love while their hearts, close to each other, beat as one.—This is one of the moments when the bench feels that it was not so inanimate. How it wishes that it could move, talk and seek a kindred soul!



INDIA'S ANSWER TO WORLD'S PROBLEMS

"Life" Appraises Holy Man Of Tiruvannamalai

NEW YORK, May 26. (PTI-Reuter): In a featured article in the latest isue of the American magazine "Life", Winthrop Sargeant writes about a visit to the 'Holy Man of Tiruvannamalai" and says that Sri Ramana Maharishi was India's answer to most of man's problems. Sargeant discusses the power of yoga in relation to a claim he had heard that the defeat of Hitler could have ben achieved by thought transference.

Describing a visit to the Maharishi, Sargeant says, "Sri Ramana's views correspond exactly with those propounded in the Gita. His life of austerity, his renunciation of all wordly desires, his contemplative serenity, his unshakeable peace of mind are all part of the traditional requipment of the Hindu sage".

Sargeant concludes his article thus: "The average wordly western man might point out that Sri Ramana's way of life is all right for sages but offers little help to the fellow who is trying to pay the rent".

'These are some of the differences that have always divided East and West. And India's progressive and industrial leaders are very anxious today to teach India the secrets of the West's material advance and to wipe out the poverty, disease and social inequality of her 'phenomenal world' by other methods than pure contemplation. Probably they are right and even Sri Ramana would not deny the temporary validity of their aims.

"But the yogi takes a longer view.. The world is not going anywhere in particular. The only thing that is certain is the indestructibility of the human soul, which strives eternally towards ultimate union with the all pervading essence known as Brahman.

Sri Ramana's universe is ruled by a power that has long guaranteed the futility of all earthly ambition. According to Hindu theology, Sri Ramana himself is identified with this power. Accepting these premises, anybody can work out the equation. It may not be what the western mind calls 'realistic'. But it is certainly not illogical".

Mixed Grill

PARLIAMENT is sovereign, according to the unwritten constitution of Great Britain. That means that Parliament can pass any law it likes. It can, if it chooses, pass a law that all blue-eyed babies should be strangled at birth. It can, if it ever goes as mad as that, resolve that the Thames should be set on fire.

But in practice it does no such thing. Because there is a law governing law-making. Constitutional jurisprudence, if one may concoct so ponderous a name, indicate certain principles to be observed in the making of laws, if they are to have any value or validity.

One of these is, that laws must be generally beneficial, that people prefer to keep the law. Secondly, it must be easier to keep the law than to break it. But one finds frequently in life, that these principles are ignored, if not in the making of fundamental laws of the land, last in the rules framed by various rule making authorities.

At the Grant Road Railway station, for instance, there are two bridges. Why there are two narrow, parallel bridges, next to each other, completely separated, instead of one bridge spanning the whole width is more than my wit can grasp. Perhaps it is an engineering impossibility to join into one what were born as two. or perhaps, it is just that nobody has thought of it. Apart from that, however, the point is that these bridges are supposed to be one-way bridges. If you emerge on the East side of Grant Road station, you are not supposed to take the bridge which is nearest to the exit but go round to another. The nearer one, is meant for people coming from the West. It is one of those silly rules which are easier to break than to keep. Result: It is always broken except when there is a police man to say 'Sshhh....'

Some of the traffic regulations now being introduced as a part of road regimentation, also come in this category. As one emerges from Churchgate station, people who want to cross the B. B. & C. I. main office cannot cross directly, but must come over to the other side at an angle and walk back. Result: Traffic cops at that spot have their jobs cut out chasing people who keep running across the road.

There are plenty of other forms of official obtuseness where the simplest and most direct approach is discarded for something devious. Deviousness is ayways pleasing to the official mind. Examples of this will be forthcoming by and by.

Grumbler

"Band Together In Common Cause"

MARIETTA, Georgia, May 26 (UPA): Gen. Lucius D. Clay said today that the freedom loving peoples of the world should band together in a common cause as long as large portions of the human race "live under the shadow of a police state." Clay spoke at a huge home-coming celebration in his honour.

The retiring American boss of the Berlin Cold War with Russia said that adequate measures had been taken to prevent Germany from "ever again becoming a war threat." He said: "There are hundreds of millions of people in this world who do not have the high privilege of freedom. As long as large segments of the human race live under the shadow of a police state, the freedom, which we have always known, is no longer secure. The people who believe in freedom throughout the world must consider themselves banded together in a common cause."

Clay reviewed Germany's military, economic and industrial destruction which, he said, had for ever removed a revived Germany as a military threat.

But he said that is not enough. He said: "Democracy cannot grow in a political vacuum. It cannot grow without the processes of a government."

Clay said that the United States had embarked on a "sound and courageous programme" in Europe to halt the spread of Communism. He praised the European Aid Programme as the means of restoring moral and mental well-being of the European peop

Indian Stamps Fetch High Prices

LONDON, May 26. (PTI-Reuter): An Indian stamp—one of the world's rarest—was sold here to-day to Mr. H. C. Gibson of Pennsylvania, United States, for £75. In 1945 it fetched £450. The four annas stamp of 1854, showing Queen Victoria's head inverted, was the prize piece among over 900 stamps belonging to the late Mr. C. D. Desai, wealthy Bombay banker, which has been sold at a two-day auction

The collection, valued at £20,000 six months ago, fetched £15,328.

Mr. Robson Lowe, the auctioneer, said "since the collection was valued world prices have dropped considerably. The inverted head fetched a very good price, and since it will be paid for the dollars we are pleased".

Over 30 philatelists came for many countries to this auction of one of the most valuable collections ever sold. Prominent were Mr. Jal Cooper, well-known Bombay stamp dealer, and Pandit Amarnath Attal from Jaipur both of whom brought several valuable stamps.

Argentine Cuts Imports From U. S.

BUENOS AIRES, May 25, (UPA)—Imports from the United States were limited today by a Government order to 25 per cent of the 1947-48 average because of current dollar exchange shortage.

A Central Bank circular, published by the Ministry of Finance, set up a system of import controls based on monetary areas where imports originate, as follows:—

Firstly, Bolivia, Peru, Uruguay, Spanish peseta area and French franc area. Import permits will be granted without limitation for goods originating there.

Secondly, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Dnmark, Finland, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia and sterling, lira, florin and Belgian franc areas. Imports originating there will be limited to 50 per cent of the value of the 1947-48 average.

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